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## East German SPD rejects coalition call

### Kohl maps out new order for Europe

By Anne McElvoy in East Berlin, Ian Murray in Bonn and Andrew McEwen

thirds majority in the

Volkskammer (parliament) necessary to change the East

Germany constitution and thus speed up progress to-

a lukewarm response from

"a great day for East Germany and for Europe" and attrib-uted part of the credit to Chancellor Kohl who played a

prominent campaigning role.

victory for the centre-right. I know bow hard you person-

ally worked for that outcome

and it is the greatest possible

credit to you," she said in a letter to Herr Kohl.

ernments believe that the

outcome greatly increases the chances that a united Ger-

many will be a member of

Nato. Although Moscow

strongly opposes this, it has

found no support from the

The next round of talks

between the "two" Germanies

and the "four" victorious

Second World War allies will

take place in East Betlin,

probably before the end of the

month. From now on the

Soviet Union will be alone,

within these "two plus four"

talks, in voicing any objection

Herr Kohl said yesterday that he boped it would be

possible to complete these

negotiations on the external

aspects of reunification by the

time the special summit of the

Conference on Security and

Co-operation in Europe

(CSCE) meets, probably to-

wards the end of the year but

before the West German elec-

tions planned for December 2.

made plain yesterday, be be-

lieves that a united Germany

must not be neutral but firmly

anchored in Nato. Looking

ahead, however, be wants to

see the development of a new

security system in which both

Nato and the Warsaw Pact

could co-operate and this is

the likely line the two

Germanies will adopt in the

The result has also strength-

ened a belief in London and

Washington that the Warsaw

Pact is in its final phase. Some predict that it will be wound

up before the end of the year.

But the Soviet news agency

terday to take measures

against Lithuanin's declara-

tion of independence, Soviet

It was not immediately

clear, however, what action

would be taken against the

its week-old declaration of Deputies.

Baltic republic's leadership.

television reported.

Gorbachov acts on the

Lithuanian challenge

By Our Foreign Staff

President Gorbacbov ordered on full secession from the

which insisted yesterday that the Congress of People's

independence was legal and called for talks with Moscow

Lithuanian reaction, page 22

the Soviet Government yes- Soviet Uninn.

"two plus four" talks.

As the Chancellor also

ing inside Nato.

East European

The US and British Gov-

The result is a tremendous

The Prime Minister called it

The outcome of the East

wards unification.

difficulty raising the two Tass suggested that the

involvement of West German

politicans in the campaign amounted to "interference".

election campaign of West German political parties — primarily the Christian Democratic Union and the

Christian Social Union," it

German election result in

December as a foregone conclusion Herr Kohl now ap-

pears certain that he will

realize his ambition to be the

first Chancellor of a reunited

Germany. The victory in East

Germany by his alliance, he announced after a CDU meet-

ing, would be followed by a CDU victory in the first elections of a united Germany. These would probably

be held some time next year.

was nominated yesterday by the West German SPD to be

the Chancellor's challenger in

December, however, pre-dicted that failure to stablize

East Germany's economy could torpedo Herr Kohl's

quick Deutschmark". People's

expectations in both East and

West were now immensely

high. Disillusionment could

electoral prospects.

Herr Oskar Lafontaine who

Almost taking the West

"The results of the elections were obviously influenced by the massive interference in the

Boosted by his personal triumph in the East German election campaign, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday mapped out the future of a new peace order in Europe in which German election delighted a rapidly united Germany
would be the key player.
But, in the aftermath of

the centre-right's sweeping victory, politicians in both East and West Germany continued to squabble over the pace of reunification.

East Germany's victorious Christian Democratic leader Herr Lothar de Maizière yesterday invited the Social Democrats and the tiny Lib-eral alliance to join him in a grand coalition to lead the country into unification. But the Social Democrats, smarting from their unexpected defeat in Sunday's elections, immediately turned bim

The leader of the Social Democratic Party, Herr Ibrahim Böhme, said that he was keeping to his election pledge not to form a coalition including the most right-wing of the three Conservative Alliance parties - the German Social

The Alliance, which fell just short of an absolute majority, could rule in coalition with the motley collection of Liberal parties. But without the participation of the Social Democrats they will have

#### INSIDE Art thefts 'ransom'

> Art works worth £130 million, stolen at the weekend from a Boston museum, look likely to be "ransomed" for insurance. Although no demand had been received last night, experts said the number of robberies carried nut for an insurance payout was increasing worldwide...... Page 13, 15

Appeal granted

The Court of Appeal yesterday cleared a former Manchester police officer, jailed for 17 years for robbery and firearms offences. His trial was described as a travesty of justice based on fabricated police .... Page 3

Polluted seas

Twenty marine scientists say the discharge of untreated Sewage into the sea is a serious health hazard, contradicting previous views....

Regime relents

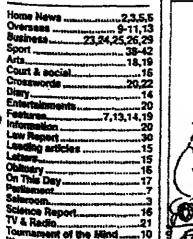
President Mengistu of Ethiopia, whose regime was once Africa's most rigidly Maraist-Leninist, now says a multiparty system would be acceptable in his country, torn by economic collapse and civil .... Page 9

Could do better The London Stock Exchange hopes in improve its service to small investors after an in-

ternal committee said retail customers have had "a raw deal since Big Bong". Page 23 Tackling fame

James "Buster" Douglas, the world heavyweight boxing champion, is learning to live

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FTHE BIG ENGLILADA

By Philip Howard Literary Editor

Is the big enchilada watching you? And if so, is that a respectful way of referring to the Editor of The Times? The Thesaurus of American Slang is published in the United Kingdom by Collins on Thursday, as an awful warning of the way we may be talking soon. Slang follows the soap opera and pop song across the Atlantic, because there are more of them moidering the language over there.

Item: "The next time your big enchilada jerks your chains, don't act like a candy-arse; instead, kick ass, or end up as dead meat in Tap City." Being translated into standard English, this means, approximately: "If your employer vexes you severely, do not behave like a milksop; instead, keep a stiff upper lip, or he will walk all over you." The

thesaurus lists in alphabetical bundles more than 17,000 words and phrases of current American slang that can be expected, in the flow of fashion, to be on our lips shortly. The latest word on American lex suggests that we shall soon be "ansty" instead of excited; instead of compliments, we shall give our friends "warm fuzzies"; the office dogsbody will be known as a "low-level Munchkin".

If you believe that all of this slang is coming across the Atlantic to us, you will believe anything. Not all slang catches on. in either direction. Americans,

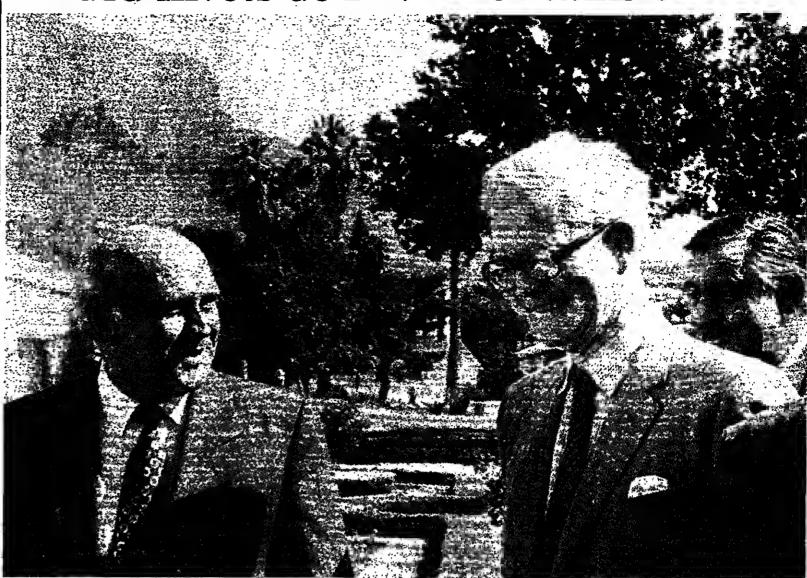
contrary in the popular myth, seem more interested in bottoms than Brits. On first inspection, one thing that seems to have happened to American slang in the past decade or so is that it has become more violent, sexy and pushy. The thesaurus is edited by

Professor Robert Chapman, of Drew

University, who is in his 70s, and therefore quite obsolescent in his conversation. Last night he suggested that in the past 20 to 30 years the traditional sources of American slang for a century or more have dried up. Railroad workers cannot be matched for vivid language by the blue-blazers or suits in the airline industry. Professor Chapman says that the two rich new wells of slang in the States are blacks and yuppies. "Black English is a new and fertile underculture of language. And the young prosperous yuppies go into business and government of our acquisitive culture, and make fun of it in their

Our common language has moved on in the 375 years since the Pilgrim Fathers sailed the ocean blue. But it is going to take some of us a while to come to call the old Ed. the big enchilada.

### Hurd meets de Klerk for talks on aid



Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, right, with President de Klerk at Cape Town yesterday, discussing British aid to the Cape Flats area. Village raid, page 9

### Howe warns of tough Budget to aid economy

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

tough Budget today by promi-sing that the Government the Mid-Staffordshire seat in the rate tax on bank and would not flinch from difficult Thursday's by-election. economic choices for the sake of electoral expediency.

Herr Lafontaine said that the Chancellor had given the In words calculated to bring a possible failure to index tax home the gravity of problems allowances in full, some inimpression that a vote for the CDU would be a vote for "the facing the economy, the Dep-uty Prime Minister drew a pa-possible lifting of the ceiling rallel between his "instantly for employees" National In-unpopular but crucially neo-essary budget of 1981" and the task facing Mr John Major, increase in taxation, they undermine the CDU's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

quickly find money to im-He told a by-election meeting at Mid-Staffordshire "Toprove living standards in East Germany without raising taxes in the West. The acid day, the economic challenge we face is certainly less dauntise expected to be reflected in ing than in 1981. But it tougher taxation on company test will be whether he can requires and will receive the cars and possibly increased stop the flow of East Germans sort of political commitment which we have shown only this Conservative government

coming West. In the East Herr de Mazière declared that the newlyis prepared to give.
"Others would funk the chaelected Government would dismantle the Berlin Wall as llenge, avoid the difficult choisoon as possible "as a symbol ces, let things rip. They would be seduced by the gimmickry

of our growing together". Asked whether the wall would be replaced by a fortified border as planned by the former government, Herr de Maizière replied: "I think that these days a fence would be a waste of money"

Herr de Maizière who is likely to be sworn in as East Germany's first elected Prime Minister when be has formed bis government promised that currency and economic union with West Germany would be forged as soon as possible.

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The reply to President

Gorbachov's ultimatum was brought to Moscow by a

Lithuanian delegation only

hours before the expiry of

thedeadline. The Lithuanians

also rejected a resolution on

Lithuania passed last week by

Thursday's by-election. Most expect some increase

in the overall tax "take", with

increase in taxation, they believe, will run the risk of upsetting the City and endangering the pound. An environmental element is expected to be reflected in

excise duty for bigger cars. Most Conservative MPs expect the Chancellor to do something to soften the impact of the community charge by increasing the savings limits below which pensioners and married couples qualify

for poll tax relief. cost us so dear in the past."

Conservative MPs were preparing themselves for an However, MPs are hoping Mr Major will leaven what is bound to be a comparatively unexciting Budget which will dull Budget with new in-

Sir Geoffrey Howe signalled a do bttle to improve the Gov- centives for savings, including building society savings, which penalizes non taxpayers who cannot recover it.

There were hopes that the

Chancellor would give tax relief for child care to improve the lot of working mothers. However, there was little hope of a lifting of the £30,000 Anything less than a modest ceiling on mortgage tax relief. Sir Geoffrey said the Gov-

its revivial strategy by court-

ing short-term popularity. • The pound fell sharply in foreign exchange markets as a strong West German mark combined with political uncertainties ahead of the Mid-Staffordshire by-election to undermine the currency. Sterling fell nearly 4 pfennigs to its lowest ever level DM2.7114. It also fell 1.25

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cents against the dollar to

close in London at \$1.6115.

### Special team for war crime cases

By Sheila Gmn, Political Reporter

The cases against 301 sus- which is devoted to tracking pected Nazi war criminals are to be investigated by a Gov-ernment-funded team of police officers with the prospect of mounting Britain's first trials within the next year.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, disclosed yesterday that a team of nine officers will build on the work done by Sir Thomas Hetherington and Mr William Chalmers in gathering evidence against the suspects, most of came originally from the Bal- 50 years. tie states.

The unit under the control of Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, will work closely with the Crown Prosecution Service and call on belp from historians and linguists.

sought refuge in Britain after recordings, the Second World War, Much of it was provided by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre,

down Nazi war criminals.

The Home Secretary yesterday assuaged much of the Tory backbench unrest by emphasizing that it would be wrong to establish special legal procedures for trying war criminals, and denied he would do so. But he insisted that the Bill clearing the way for the first trials to take place, was "not just making a fine gesture with no substance". He believed that fair trials

Although most MPs welcomed the Bill, there is widespread unease in both Houses at proposed amendments to the Scottish law reforms legislation to bring Scottish law into line with English law.

The amendments would Its investigations will follow clear the way for witnesses, up confidential evidence to many living in the Soviet the Hetherington/Chalmers Union and Israel, to give inquiry against those sus- evidence by a live television pected of mass murder who link and through video

Parliament, page 7 Leading article, page 15

### Labour in reselection switch

and convenience politics that

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Correspondent Labour Party leaders last night

made the first moves towards abandoning the system under which all its MPs have to face reselection every Parliament. At the same time they moved to end the guaranteed role of the trade unions in

selection procedures. The dismantling of one of the main Bennite constitutional changes pushed through the party in the early 1980s began as Labour's organizanon committee considered an analysis by Mr Larry Whitty, the party's general secretary. of the reselections completed so far in the present

Parliament. The analysis, which will form the basis of a paper to be

Just show some respect to the big enchilada

### Design faults in disaster boat

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

port were blamed for the accident.

The long-term design faults and the failure of the vessels' lookout system are highlighted as the immediate causes of the collision between the dredger Bowbelle and the pleasure boat Marchioness on the Thames in which 51 people died.

According to leaked extracts of a draft report from the Marine Accident Investigation Bureau no individual was especially responsible for the accident.

"There was no wilful mis-Continued on page 22, col 5 contributing to the collision,

Survivors of the Marchioness the foundering or the loss of riverboat boat tragedy last life. In as much as personal night demanded a public in- fault was responsible for the quiry into the disaster as accident, that fault lies jointly design faults and lack of action with those in direct charge of by the Department of Trans- the two vessels at the time and with those responsible for both the perpetuation and the acceptance of their faulty design," the inspectors say in the

report. The extracts were leaked to Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey. He told a press conference in the House of Commons that if the regulations had been enforced prop-erly "the collision and deaths

would not have happened", Mr Iain Philpott, aged 26, whose girlfriend and 12 other friends died in the disaster,

demanded a public inquiry.

Design faults, page 2

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### Boat design faults are blamed for 51 deaths on Thames

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

time on the river.

The report is critical of the manner in which the Depart-

ment of Transport dealt with

its responsibilities. It says that

after a series of accidents on

the Thames between 1981 and

1983 action was initiated by

the department to improve

visibility. "It is, therefore, clear that the incidents of the

early 1980s were recognized at

the time as providing a warn-

ing of the possibility of a

major accident ... that as

time passed the perceived need for special caution grad-

The report says: "It is not

considered that, in all re-

spects, action taken by the

department in the last few

years has gone as far as it should have, and in particular

it will be clear that it is not considered the steps taken to

improve visibility were

It says that those in charge

of the navigation of both vessels concerned must bear a

big measure of the respon-

sibility but that others must

ure, widespread over many

years among those with senior

responsibility in the shipping

industry, to look at the design

and operation of ships as a

complete and integrated whole. No one act is found to

have been especially respon-

The report recommends that extra staff trained in

emergencies to help evacuate

passengers should be on ves-

sels, military helicopters on

Those in charge of Thames

passenger launches should be

reminded to check frequently

astern and to keep continuous

the Thames should be re-

possible to starboard of the

For vessels on which disco-

thèque parties are held, pro-

vision should be made for all

fairway.

sible for the accident."

They also stem from fail-

also share the blame.

ually relaxed."

Design faults which could be for nine-and-an-half hours, he traced back 25 years and a lack had spent less than half that of action by the Department of Transport after three pre-vious accidents on the Thames were the underlying causes of the Marchioness boat disaster in which 51 died.

However, the immediate cause of the tragedy was the failure of lookouts on the Marchioness pleasure cruiser and the Bowbelle dredger to spot each other until it was too late, according to leaked extracts from a draft report hy the Marine Accident Investigation Bureau.

When the men on lookout on the Bowbelle spotted the danger, they could only shout a warning, which could not be heard above the noise of the Marchioness discothèque.

There was no other way of communicating with the skipper, even though the vessel had four hand-held VHF sets, two of which were inoperative, the report says.

The draft report, which has been sent to those named in it to allow them to comment on the findings, lists a further eight contributory factors which caused the disaster last

August.
Visibility from the wheelhouse of each vessel was seriously restricted because of their construction. In each vessel, the restricted visibility was caused by the position and design of the wheelhouse and stemmed from inadequate consideration of the needs of the navigator at the design stage in the Bowbelle and at the time of the conversion of the Marchioness.

The difficulties were made worse by the lights of each search-and-rescue work vessel being made inconspicuous against the background of sbore lights and perhaps other

Both vessels were using the middle part of the river fairway and the centre arches of a above the bow or on each side bridge near Cannon Street station, central London, but neither was necessarily in a place they should not have been.

Clear instructions were not east London, should have a given to the forward lookout lookout stationed forward at aboard the Bowbelle. He made all times and instructed to it wach he hist do the Marchioness, as his instructions were to report a vessel only if he considered it to be a hazard.

The draft report says it is radio watch. New regulations probable that the Marchioness should require minimum had been seen from the standards of visibility from Bowbelle at a relatively early the steering position of passtage but had not been rec- senger launches and vessels on ognized for what it was, perhaps because of the quired to keep as far as proliferation of other lights.

Further contributory factors were the strength of the tide, the noise from the discotheque party, lack of conspicuous navigation lights on each sound to be cut out when vessel and the tiredness of the safety announcements are to Marchioness's skipper. He be made and there should be had undertaken one disco- regulations on the sound level thèque cruise that night but, at the wheelbase when a although he had been on duty discothèque is taking place.

A power in the kitchen



Mrs Margaret Thatcher helping to cook a meat substitute at the Ideal Home exhibition in Earls Court, west London, yesterday. The Prime Minister preferred its colour to the taste.

### Call for more safety on BSE

By Mickael Hornsby Agriculture Cerresponde

Britain's trading standards officers yesterday called for further government action to eliminate the risk that the fatal "mad cow" disease might be transmitted to humans.

Mr John Evans, chairman of the quality standards com-mittee of the Institute of Trading Standards Admin-istration, said "far more has to be done", but he welcomed recent moves to increase funding for research inm boving spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and to pay full com-pensation to farmers who had in slaughter infected cattle.

The institute represents 1,300 of Britain's 1,500 trading standards officers, who are responsible for enforcing laws food safety, animal health and welfare and the composition of animal feedstuffs.

Mr Evans said there were four areas of concern; the ban on the sale of cattle offal does not apply to calves under the age of six months; sheep re-mains are still being included in feedstuffs for pigs and poultry; animal feed manuacturers are not required to state in detail the ingredients they use; and there is no ban on the sale of offal from sheep, even those infected with scrapie, the ovine form of BSE.

Mr Gordon Gresty, county trading standards officer for North Yorkshire, who has carried out much of the in-stitute's research into BSE, said: "However remote the risks may be, it seems sensible in close every possible path-way for transmission of the disease to human beings until the results of research now

### Drop in land sales holds up new hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Corresponden

sion at Frimley Park Hospital ston at Frimley Park Hospital, for west Surrey and north-east Hampshire, which has one of the worst waiting lists in the country. Local MPs plan to lobby Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State at the Health Department, for every finds extra funds.

A programme to move pa-tients out of a large mental illness institution, Long Grove Hospital, Epsom, has also been halted, because the health authority has been told it cannot build any community facilities.

South West Thames regional health authority, which has a projected capital deficit of £39.6 million, expected to raise £40 million in the last year from selling land to developers.

However, managers were told yesterday in stop all schemes where money had not already been committed because the region had only raised £15 million. Building schemes which have gone ahead have cost £6.4 million more than expected and some money has been transferred to the revenue programme which itself is overspent by £11.6

South West Thames is the second region in the South-east to freeze all capital developments. Last month North West Thames Health Authority also put a mora-torium on building. The decision, finance directors warn

Hospital building plans have been halted throughout southwest London, Surrey and West Sussex because of falling land sales and high building costs.

Schemes which have been hit include a 110-bed expansion at Frimley Park Hospital

Health service mana will be stuck with a planning blight, unable to rationalize services by building more efficient units, the Health Care Financial Management Association says.

This could result in unplanned short-term cash saving measures to stay within cash limits, Mr Chris Grimes, principal adviser to the associ-

The association is to survey health authorities throughout the country in see how had the capital position is.

Mr Andrew Morris, unit general manager at Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, said he was devastated when he heard that the plan could not go ahead. The district has 3,600 patients waiting for hospital treatment; 1,500 have been waiting more than a year.

 More people are going to see their family doctor over minor illnesses according to a survey published yesterday from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

Those who do are likely in live in urban areas, come from lower socio-economic groups and be married, widowed or divorced, says the report which reflects changes in consulting patterns between 1971 and 1981.

Morbidity statistics from general practice. Third national study:

### Jail report calls for 90 changes

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

should carry infra-red heat seeking equipment, All vessels investigation into security at of more than 40 metres opera-Crumlin Road jail, Belfast, ting above Cherry Garden has made 90 recommenda-Pier, central London, by night tions for change in how the should carry a light suspended prison should be run.

The confidential report, by illuminating the bow. a prison governor with the All vessels over 40m with a Scottish prison service, was rear wheelhouse, operating ordered after an attempted above the Thames Barrier, mass break-out from the jail by republican prisoners last October.

port comes amid fresh controversy over allegations of explosives in its bucket. mistreatment of prisoners in Northern Ireland jails by prison staff.

Reports in Dublin yesterday said three prison officers in the past two years as a result of oners. A fourth was reported to have resigned before his suspension was ordered.

The Northern Ireland Office said two officers are to face court proceedings while another had already been investigated and fined £100. Last week the Irish Supreme Court refused to extradite two munition inside. Officials say convicted terrorists to Ulster many of the suggested changes

The Northern Ireland Office by staff at the Maze prison - a confirmed yesterday that an suggestion dismissed by Downing Street as "grossly offen-sive and unjustifiable". It is understood the latest suspensions are not among staff at

> The Crumlin Road report was ordered after an attempt by the IRA to free several senior members of its Belfast and Tyrone brigades. It was foiled when an RUC patrol spotted a JCB digger on a with more than 500lb of

At the same time, an orchestrated series of violent disturbances, involving more than 20 separate incidents, swept through West Belfast in Ulster had been suspended in an attempt to distract the security forces away from the alleged ill-treatment of pris-oners. A fourth was reported uncovered 4ib of Semtex plastic explosives, a hand gun and a quantity of ammunition.

It is thought many of the recommendations in the report deal with measures designed to prevent future oreak-outs and to stop visitors smuggling weapons and amfearing they may be ill-treated are relatively minor.

### France puts in late bid in battle for new tank

by Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

late entry in the battle for a £1 billion British Army contract to replace the ageing Chief-tains, the Ministry of Defence announced yesterday.

The surprise move means that Britain's sole tank manufacturer, whose future de-pends on winning the contract with its Challenger 2 offer, now faces competition from its three big rivals.

Leeds is already competing against the American giant General Dynamics, which is offering its Abrams MIA2, and the West German Leopard 2, built by Krauss Maffei. The decision by the French company GIAT to put forward its new Leclerc tank so late on was "unsolicited", the Ministry of Defence said. But

studied. France has clearly decided that with defence budgets under severe pressure with the changes in eastern Europe, she could not afford to build a tank just for the French army. One military source also said

any formal bid would be

France has decided to make a forces in Europe in the future, there will have to be a great deal more inter-operability of equipment. So it makes sense for France to make a bid for the British tank contract." There are presently 10 dif-ferent tank designs in Nato.

Vickers has been given until September to produce nine prototypes of the Challenger 2. an updated version of the tank in service with the British the Chieftain.

From September the competition between Challenger 2, Abrams MIA2, Leopard 2 and now Leclerc will begin in carnest. GIAT has not yet put forward its bid, although there has been considerable correspondence between the French company and the MoD.

Although the General Dynamics tank is preferred in some parts of the Army to Challenger 2, Pentagon budget cuts may now force up the cost of each Abrams. Some reports have suggested the price could rise from less than £2 million to about £3 million.

Krauss Maffei plans a series yesterday: "With all this talk of seminars next month for reduced fr about possible multi-national British industry to promote about 320.

The 32 lead acid batteries

running down the centre of the

car, can be charged from the

sub-contract work on the Leonard 2 The Leclerc was originally rejected by the British Army more than two years ago because no prototypes had been produced and there were

worries about final costs. However it is now being suggested, according to French sources, that France could buy the British Warrior infantry combat vehicle, produced by GKN in Telford, Shropshire, as an offset deal,

should the Leclerc be chosen. The French will also be. leaning heavily on the new Anglo-French defence procurement arrangement, under which each country has been trying to increase collaboration over equipment purchases. The French Army has a requirement for a combat vehicle like the Warrior and one was given a trial in France last year.

Price will be one of the major deciding factors for the

It is believed that with the arms cuts proposed in Europe, the Army requirement may be of seminars next month for reduced from 500 tanks to

GM's Aerovironment subsid-

iary, which designed Impact in California, said: "We

believe that the Impact shows

that electric cars could be put

and leave enough power for into production. We make our

### Murder inquiry reopened

Police have reopened their inquiry into the murder seven years ago of the wife of an Essex doctor, Dr Robert Jones, because a new witness has come forward. Mrs Diane Jones, aged 35,

was last seen alive at a public house in Coggeshall, Essex, in July 1983. Her body was found in undergrowth at Brightwell near Ipswich in Suffolk three months later. Dr Jones was questioned by

detectives for 60 hours, but no

#### Safety seating

Children under two years are to be allowed car-type safety seats on passenger flights from March 30, the Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday. Airlines will decide whether to provide them. The children have had to be carried on an

adult's lap and restrained by a safety belt.

#### Closure fight

Residents living near the Queen's Norfolk estate at Sandringham are opposing plans to close a public road to improve security and privacy. Norfolk County Council wants to shut School Road, which skirts the estate, to prevent tourists looking into the grounds.

#### Freezer deaths The South Shropshire coroner

recorded verdicts of accidental death on three young brothers who died trapped inside a disused freezer on a smallholding near Ludlow. Mr Tony Sibcy said it was

possible the boys had watched a similar incident nn the soap opera Neighbours.

Young citizens

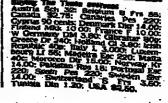
The Invesco MIM-Ross McWhirter Young Citizens' of the Year awards were yesterdays presented to Heather Lane, aged 10, of Nottingham, Wendy Smith, 17, of Preston, Helen Evans, 14, of Speke, Liverpool and Shaun O'Neill, 17, of Rotherham.

Miners lobby Miners lobbied Parliament yesterday objecting over coal imports and opposing privatization.

Mr George Bolton, Scottish NUM president, protested at coal imports from China. Mr George Rees (South Wales NUM) said that no private pit owner could treat miners worse than British Coal

Tip victory

Villagers at Little Bealings, near Ipswich, yesterday won a long-running battle to stop Suffolk County Council restarting waste dumping at a near by tip. Permission for the dumping was refused by the Department αf



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### Go ahead for whisky salvage

By Kerry Gill

An attempt to raise thousands of bottles of whisky from the SS Politician, which sank off the Outer Hebridean island of Eriskay almost 50 years ago, is in go ahead, it was announced A Glasgow consortium

formed to salvage the wreck, which gave rise to Compton Mackenzie's novel Whisky Galore, said shares in the company would be allocated later this week. The consortium, SS Politician Pic, had failed in raise the £500,000 it wanted. Yes-

terday however Mr Jeremy Brough, the company's chairman, said it had more than £400,000 which he considered ample for the salvage sched-uled in begin in June. The SS Politician sank in the Sound of Eriskay in February 1941 during a gale while

en route for Kingston, Ja-

maica. The ship was carrying a

cargo of whisky, and a reputed £1.5 million worth of Jamaican currency. Many boules were looted by islanders hut Mr Brough

believes thousands remain.



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### Cool reception for private rail funds

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

help finance proposed new rail links for London have received a cool reception from property developers.

Mr Wilfrid Newton, chairman of London Regional Transport, said yesterday that Green Park in Stratford via in which a group of developers led by Olympia and York put some of the projects' costs.
up £400 million towards the £1 hillion cost of the new line, was unique and unlikely to be

repeated. vate sector in influence route

Government attempts in mo- ution" to the cost of new lines. bilize private sector capital in However, a growing number

unlikely in materialize. A luke-warm response from the private sector would be a grave disappointment in Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, who has the precedent set by the given his support to the Juhilee Line extension from radical idea that businesses and developers who benefit Canary Wharf in Docklands, from new infrastructure schemes should shoulder

of critics say that this is

The consequence of a poor private sector response to-wards the new lines could be an acrimonious conflict be-The Department of Trans- tween Department of Transport had made known its port and Treasury officials willingness in allow the pri- over the estimated £3 billion needed in finance the new rail alignments and station loca-uons in exchange for a Central London Rail Study, 'significant financial contrib- transport analysts say.

### Parkinson takes a drive into future not polluting the environment a petrol-driven car. Running 50mph. Mr Alec Proudfoot

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

The world's biggest car company yesterday showed Mr Cecil Parkinson the kind of car which could run on his expanded bighways system, yet still please the green lobby opposing his plans to huild more roads.

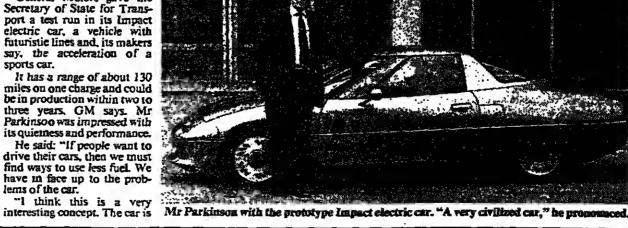
General Motors gave the Secretary of State for Transport a test run in its Impact electric car, a vehicle with futuristic lines and, its makers say, the acceleration of a sports car. It has a range of about 130

miles on one charge and could be in production within two to three years, GM says, Mr Parkinsoo was impressed with its quiemess and performance. He said: "If people want to drive their cars, then we must find ways to use less fuel. We have in face up to the problems of the car.

when it is running and there- costs would be about the same an associate engineer with fore offers a very good afteras a conventional car. native." It was, be said, "a very civilized car".

General Motors engineers claim that the car offers mains in four to five hours running efficiency of about 94 per cent - almost twice that of 130 miles of running at about decision soon."





### BP employees shocked by job cuts in City head office

By Tim Jones Employment Affairs Correspondent

BP's latest exploration into the field of "reducing organizational complexity" was received with ill-disguised hostility and sullenness yesterday among the 2,500 employees of its 35-storey City of London landmark office who learned that almost a half

"reposition the corporation in ap-

proach and style for the 1990s", were

announced by Mr Robert Horion.

chairman of BP. He said the 1980s

had been a period of great progress

of them are to lose their jobs. The losses, part of a strategy in

but the challenge for the 1990s would be to meet the "changes and surprises which lie ahead". The extent of those surprises was made evident by the sharp-suited employees as they tried to digest the news at hostelries within the shadow

of the company's headquarters. At the Penny Black small groups of them under instructions not to

talk to reporters sat around tables trying to comprehend how a mighty oil company, a flazship of British enterprise and expertise, could decide to dispense with them in a way they considered deeply flawed. In The Red Lion other BP

employees who had received a letter

outlining their position were more forthcoming. One man, who said his department no longer existed, said:
"We are shell-shocked and hitter."

He added: "Some people have been told they are out but others have been given a financial inducement to stay on while their departments are wound down but without any guarantee of job security.

"We have seen all the television ads of BP under the sea, on the icecaps and in the deserts. I bet they won't show ads of their employees on the dole."

Yesterday's announcement, coming after the loss last year of 1,700 jobs in BP Exploration, is part of the

corporation's "Project 1990" pro-gramme aimed at re-shaping the organization and cutting costs.

The changes are part of a strategy by BP to move from Britannia House to modernized, smaller premises in Finsbury Circus. A main change will be the removal of a number of boards and committees to make way for more delegation and personal accountability.

Employees yesterday said that in a largely non-unionized company, this deprived them of any mechanism to protect them against the unfair decision of a senior manager. BP said Project 1990 aimed to concentrate activities into four core

production, oil refining and marketing, chemicals and nutrition, and a greater focus on regional markets. The company said: "There is no longer a requirement for a large head office, with associated service units, engaged in activities more relevant in the multi-business approach."

The job losses come only eight days after Mr Horton became chairman. He was known to feel BP needed radical testructuring to cut bureaucracy and inefficiency.

The redundancies are across the board, and involve some executives. earning more than £60,000 a year. BP shares fell 7p to 333p at the news.

### Trial of PC jailed 17 years was travesty of justice

A former Manchester police for evidence to link Mr Corley which existed in the prosecu-officer who was jailed for 17 to the crime, offering cash, tion evidence. If the CPS had officer who was jailed for 17 to the crime, offering cash, years for robbery and firearms bail arrangements and deals to offences was cleared by the get them to talk. Court of Appeal yesterday after his trial was described as a travesty of justice fuelled by fabricated evidence from the

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said that Mr Thomas Gerard Corley, who was convicted last year after 11 years as a Greater Manchester police officer, had spent nearly two years in prison for offences he "certainly never committed" io what was a "sorry story" of lies and conspiracy.

The convictions were plainly unsafe and unsatisfactory. If the Crown Prosecution Service had known a quarter of what had emerged after the trial, the constable would never have been brought to court, Lord Lane said.

Mr Corley, aged 32, of Dean Close, Partington, was coovicted last May of conspiracy to rob and transferring a gun. Five months later, he was freed on bail pending appeal.

Mr Gareth Edwards, QC, for Mr Corley, said yesterday that the trial had been a "travesty of justice" as counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions offered no opposition to the appeal. Mr Edwards said the case was a scandal and the only good to come out of it was the thorough and speedy inquiry by the West Yorkshire police, which exonerated Mr Corley and implicated two of his more senior officers.

The investigation showed a mass of fabricated evidence after an armed attack on a security guard near Manches-ter in 1987. Two police offi-cers had "trawled" criminals

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Judge, said Mr Corley's behaviour as a police officer was unorthodox and, to say the least, was at times indiscreet. He was investigated by senior Officers, who themselves are under investigation, and they had tried to find a connection

with serious crime.

Lord Lane said three men who admitted complicity in the £11,000 wages snatch implicated Mr Corley, claiming he was the mastermind. They picked him out at an identity parade, but not before being provided with photographs of the officer. They were even primed with personal details about him to make it look as though they knew him.

Lord Lane said that for this valuable information" the charges against them were reduced to simple robbery and each received 10-year sentences. However, on appeal, after being told of the great assistance they had given to the police, the sentences were reduced to six years.

Another criminal had im-plicated Mr Corley in the supply of a handgun, and was let out on bail for his help, only to commit more robberies. Other men were also brought into this "lying conspiracy", Lord Lane said. Neither the defence nor the Crown Prosecution Service was aware of how the evidence had been obtained. Evidence favourable to Mr Corley had

been suppressed. "In the upshot, neither the CPS nor the defence was aler- yesterday the two senior offited to the quite clear dangers cers had been suspended.

known just one quarter of this, there is no question but that they would have dropped the prosecution immediately."

The criminals wanted credit for helping the police. How-ever, when some changed their stories and admitted Mr Corley had been "fitted up", the CPS was not told, nor was his defence counsel, as they should have been. If they had been, there was no doubt that the prosecution would have been dropped, Lord Lane said.

The truth was disclosed after the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester ordered the West Yorkshire force to investigate. Mr Corley's pleas that the evidence was a fabrication and barefaced conspiracy were finally believed. Lord Lane said it had been a "distressing story to recount, but the moral is nbvious and it is hoped in future that they will be observed".

The names of the senior officers involved were kept secret because the inquiry into their actions has yet to report, Lord Lane said. He agreed with the Crown's decision oot to proceed with a "trivial" charge against Mr Corley because it would be "oppressive".

Mr Corley, who surren-dered to bail at the High Court, said: "I am grateful they have cleared my name.
My life has been shattered. I
am going to pick up the
threads of my life with my wife. I am very relieved but I will oever recover. It was bad being a copper in prison."

Mr Stephen Murphy, chairman of the Greater Manchester police authority, said

### The Viking raiders return



More than 1,000 children in full Viking costume re-enacted yesterday a raid on Mount-fitchet Castle at Stansted, Essex, which dates to the Norman Conquest. They travelled in four replica long boats. The occasion commemorated the last Viking raid in Britain.

### Life term for rapist who killed heiress 13 years ago

rapist who has spent nearly all the Central Criminal Court. of the past 20 years in jail, was sent to prison for life yesterday for the murder of Janie Shepherd, the Australian heir-

ess, 13 years ago.
The Barbados-born killer, who evaded justice despite intensive police questioning after the rape and asphyxi-atinn of Miss Shepherd in 1977, was finally convicted because he could not resist boasting of the killing to fellow inmates while serving an 18-year sentence for another rape.

Mr Justice Alliott made oo minimum recommendation for his jail term when he Crown Court, but told him: "In my view you are such an appalling dangerous man that the real issue is whether the authorities can ever allow you your liberty."

A jury, which had heard evidence of his bragging from former prison inmates, found him guilty at the end of a

three-week trial. Miss Shepherd vanished on the night of February 4, 1977, while driving through west London to her boy friend's home. Ten weeks later ber body was found by two boys in a makeshift grave on Normansland Common near Wheat-

hampstead, Hertfordshire. She was murdered during the only 10 months Lashley spent at liberty in 20 years.

Police knew that Lashley, oow aged 50, a divorced father of two, was familiar with the commoo because he had visited it while working as a driver with a firm of outfitters.

He was interviewed by detectives within eight days of Miss Shepherd's disappearance but was not charged because there was felt to be insufficient evidence to prosecute. On his release last year, however, detectives rearrested him after learning he had con-fessed to Miss Shepherd's killing to iomates in Frankland Prison, Durham.

After senteoce was passed, Mrs Angela Darling, Janie's mother, said: "Justice has been done, which is marvellous. Certainly, the police have been fantastic. We always prayed and the police

never stopped." Det Supt Ian Whinnett, who has headed the inquiry for the case: "I am very pleased with most brutal man I have ever had to deal with."

In 1969 Lashley raped six women in west London and



David Lashley: Spent most

celebrating their escape. Mr

McVicar elaimed in a news-

paper that he had interviewed

the fugitives in Spain and that

they had escaped by bribing a

Mr Mackay said the story

now seemed pure fiction hut

the police wanted "to get at

MeVicar for his part in this

charade" and saw Mr Cutler

Mr Cutler was arrested on

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canees but was released with-

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and Raczynski were re-

The Metropolitan Police

The hearing continues to-

captured and jailed.

deny liability.

"as a runte to MeVicar".

David Lashley, a multiple was sentenced to 12 years by

He served less than six years and had only been at large for three months when he carried ont the double rape and attempted murder of a woman aged 24. For that he was sentenced to 18 years.

On the night she disappeared, Miss Shepherd, an art gallery assistant, was driving through Bayswater, west London, in her Mini car. She came from Sydney, Australia, where she lived with her mother and stepfather John Darling, head of BP in Australia, her natural father having died. In 1975, she travelled to

London to stay with a cousin in St Jnhn's Wood.

Miss Shepherd began dating Mr Roddy Kinkead-Weekes, an Old Etonian and former Middlesex cricketer, and worked at the Caelt Art Gallery in Westbourne Grove. After work on February 4,

1977, she left her cousin's home for her boy friend's, stopping on the way to buy food for dinner at a supermarket. Shortly before mid-night Mr Kinkead-Weekes alerted police that Miss Shepherd was missing.

An hour later her muddied car was found in Elgin Crescent, Ladbroke Grove. It looked as if it had been "on safari". A frenzied struggle had taken place and there were slash marks on the roof npholstery and traces of blood.

Miss Shepherd's body was found oo April 18, 1977. pathologist, found that she had died from asphyxiation caused by acute pressure on the left side of her neck which broke several bones.

Her killer, who is said to have made his approach to Miss Shepherd outside the supermarket on the basis of a For Sale" notice in ber car, is believed to have strapped her body into the froot passenger seat for the drive to Hertfordshire.

Lashley cootinued to deny involvement in the rape and murder of Miss Shepherd when he was arrested for an earlier assault. His victim was forced into the passenger seat while parking her car outside her flat in north Kensington

oo.June 10, 1976. She was driven to Sonthern past 18 months, said after the Row near Ladbroke Grove where she was twice raped and the verdict. Lashley is the left for dead from a severed artery in her wrist. But she survived and identified Lashley as her attacker when he was arrested for questioning after Miss Shepherd's

> Miss Shepherd, who police were certain had been a victim of the same man, was cremated and her ashes flown to

> The file on the case officially remained open during Lashley's years in prison. Then in 1988, with his release approaching and becasue of the menace this would pose, Det Supt Whinnett was asked to study the file.

As a result, police traced two of Lashley's former fellow inmates from Frankland whn told detectives he had privately confessed how he raped and murdered Shepherd.

### Godunov exported back to Russia

By Robin Young

Britain is exporting Russian opera — and four boxes of snow — to the Soviet Union.

The Royal Opera is loaning its production of Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov, created at Covent Garden by the exiled Russian film director Andrei Tarkovsky io 1983, to the Kirov Opera io Leningrad. It will open on April 28, and be given further performances through the year.

Boris Godunov is Tarkovsky's only opera prod-uction. The Kirov's artistic director, Mr Valery Gergiev, was perticularly keen that Soviet audiences should see it, since all Tarkovsky's work was banned in the USSR io the four last years of his life. Tarkovsky, whose films included Ivan's Childhood and Andrei Rublev, died in Paris in

Now that Tarkovsky's name and reputation have boon restored in the Soviet Union it is possible for all his work to be shown there, including the two last films which he made in exile, Nostalgia and The Sacrifice. The British bass, Robert

Lloyd, is to sing the title role of Boris as he did when Tarkovsky originated the

He will be supported by a cast of Russian singers. ding Alexei Steblianko and Sergei Leiferkus, both of whom have appeared with the Kirov and the Royal Opera at Covent Garden, and Alexander Morozov, who will be making a Covent Garden debut later this year.

The Leningrad premiere of Boris, a highlight of the Kirov's Mussorgsky centenary celebrations, is to be relayed live to Britaio by BBC 2 television, with a simultaeous sound broadcast oo Radio 3, the first time the BBC has broadcast live from the Kirov Opera.

The Knov has cancelled 10 performances of other works to give Boris Godinov a continuous period of rehearsal on stage, and seven large containers of scenery, costumes, electrical equipment, including the four boxes of artificial snow, have already arrived in Leningrad by ship.

### Rare eagle lands on Norfolk coast

shore of East Anglia.

Ornithologists believe it to be an immature bird that flew to the warm British coast from its breeding ground in Norway to escape the cold wioter. The white-tailed eagle was last seen at Berney in 1892.

Mr Les Street, the warden at

He said the eagle would have attracted many more bird watchers had the marshes not been so remote and in-

The white-tailed eagle, which is protected throughout Europe, survives io patches in the Soviet Unioo, the Baltie countries, Turkey and Iceland. One pair is known to nest on the East German

A major picture by Thomas Cooper Gotch showing his daughter io a field of brilliant

red poppies is to he sold by a descendant after being oo loan

to the Northampton Museum

Phyllis Gotch, his nnly

daughter, was frequently

annoioted with berries or

dressed io rich hrocades for

several paintings before "The

Message", shown at the Royal

Academy io 1903 and now

estimated at about £100.000.

Gotch was deeply in-

fluenced by 15th-century re-

centre piece of a Phillips sale

on June 12. His style during

this period is described as

"imaginative symbolism".

and Art Gallery for 40 years.

By Ruth Gledbill

A rare eagle, once a native to border. They are most com-Britain, has been seen on the mon in Norway where they

Berney Marshes and Breydon Water nature reserve io Nor-folk to see the Haliaetus albicilla, commonly known as 240cm, are up to 90cm long

Berney, which is two-and-ahalf miles from the nearest road, said: "People normally think of eagles as soaring high but this one has been flapping low over the marsh. We have had some excellent views nf

prefer to build their cyries in Dozens of bird watchers rugged cliffs in remote tracts have journeyed to the remote of land.

Adults are larger than fullygrown golden eagles. They have a wing span of op to grams.

Sea eagles are closely allied to the vulture, having a large, square wing pattern and a broad tail, and they often cat The white-tailed eagle

thrived in Scotland until the beginning of this century when it was wiped out by a combination of assiduous game keeping and egg collecting. A scheme to reintroduce them is underway in the Hehrides.

Mr Paul Lewis, nf the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, in East Anglia, said the bird was last seen on the society's Minsmere reserve in Suffolk.

"Although they are quite rare, there have been half a dozeo sightings io the past 10 years. They are usually young birds dispersing after the breeding season, possibly because of the harsh weather in their home environment."

Gotch record anticipated

SALEROOM

By John Shaw

distinguished oon-conformist

family that had done well in

boots and shoes and banking.

The theme of youth domi-nated his work but his pictures

rarely come oo the market.

• More than 50 watercolour

sketches by the Prince of

Wales are to go on show at the

The Prince will open the

Italian birthplace of the 15th-

will be made an honorary

member of the Accademia

The proceeds of the ex-

set a record for the artist.

century master Raphael.

ligious paintings he saw century master Raphael.

during a visit to Florence io
1891-92. The study of Phyllis
exhibition at Urbino io May

listening to an angel will be the on his way to Hungary. He

Gotch (1854-1931) was hibition will go to the British born at Kettering into a Institute of Florence, an

Raffaello.

"The Message" is expected to

### Repeat of court blunder averted

north London,

The six who appeared at

Breht court yesterday were

among nine suspects re-

arrested by the police at the

weekend on a range of charges

including drug dealing and

manded in custody for a week

and two were released oo bail.

Among those still at large

were two men arrested oo

Friday night at an alleged

"crack" deo oo the Stooe-

bridge Park estate, Wembley,

north London, after a big

police undercover operation.

They were charged with pos-

sessioo and supplying cocaine

The Central and South

Middlesex Law Society, which

covers Brent, met last night to

decide whether to formally

complain to the Law Society.

Mr Alec Atchison, vice presi-

dent of the society, said: "This

sort of thing happens quite

regularly, although not on this

scale. Everybody knows the

criminals from a police cell, it

Mr Ian Cutler is seeking

compensation in the High Court from the Metropolitan

Police Commissioner for

wrongful arrest, and damage

to his house in Mercers Road.

Upper Holloway, north

His counsel, Mr Colin

Mackay, QC, said the raid

came after police obtained a

ing up" a story about search-

They smashed down his

door with a sledgehammer,

ing for drugs.

London, in Jaouary 1985.

was elaimed yesterday.

CPS is not running well."

valued at £700.

Six of the 14 prisoners re- sions were held on Saturdays leased by magistrates at Brent, or Bank holidays at courts in north London, after a Crown Prosecution Service administrative error reappeared in court yesterday as it emerged that a similar situation was averted only narrowly at another court on the same day.

ed for an hour on Saturday after a CPS prosecutor failed to arrive. Officials finally cootacted Ealing Magistrates' Court, west London, from where the prosecutor was switched after completing his work.

Mr David Simpson, clerk to the justices at Uxbridge, said: "The CPS was lucky to get away with it. We could well have had another Brent situation." Both courts are under the jurisdiction of the Acton branch of the CPS. The inquiry ordered by Mr Allan Green, Director of Public Prosecutions, will ceotre on

administration at the branch. The CPS said vesterday it accepted responsibility. "The events of that morning are greatly regretted." The inquiry will include a full review of communications within the oorth-west Loodon area.

The CPS said: "Occurrences such as this are very rare indeed." Each year, 750 ses-

strengthening cultural ties

The Prince, who is patron of

the institute, was invited to

show his work when he visited

Urbino two years ago oo a

A huge sale of antiques

helonging to the fashion re-tailer Next will he held on

Thursday when more than

600 lots come under the

hammer at Desford Hall,

The sale will include 18th-

and-19th-century English and

Continental furniture and

elocks, eastern rugs and 18th-

and-19th-ceotury silver and

English and Continental por-

Next bought Desford Hall

from the Leicestershire Health

Authority in August 1987. It is

unwilling to speculate on how

much the sale will raise.

sketching holiday.

Leicestershire.

celain and pottery.

with Italy.

### New sheriff found shot in the head

A country husinessman and landowner has been found shot dead at his home four days after being chosen to be High Sheriff of Shropshire.

Mr Denis Lennox, aged 48 would have taken office next

His second wife Angela, cooverted mill home in Bayton, Hereford and Worcester, and found him lying in a pool of blood with a shotgun wound to the head.

He was the father of four children, three by his first wife. He once owned the Downton Castle Estate, near Ludlow, Shropshire. Mr Lennox, who ran a small

building and interior design company from the converted mill in which he lived, was chairman of the Hereford and Worcester business committee nf the Rural Development Commission. Members of his family were

travelling to his home from all over the world yesterday for a family conference. Acting Superintendent lan

Journalist sues police chief

over 'cooked-up' house raid

A freelance photo-journalist's Mackay said Mr Cutler, aged held by friends of the two men trying to get evidence linking News of the World, served McVicar elaimed in a news-

Mr Cutler had been a

business associate of Mr

McVicar, now a writer and

journalist, in a video-making

In 1984 two men, Chris-

topher Hague and Marek Raczynski, stole £13,000 from

a Londoo building society hut

were caught. They escaped

from a police cell in Harrow,

Mr Mackay said thay be-came "Britain's two most

Mr Cutler became involved

company that broke up.

the former robber John about three years of a five-

McVicar to the escape of two year sentence imposed for

came after police obtained a west Lnndnn, "bogus" warrant after "cook- overpowering a guard.

arson in 1970.

wanted men".

causiog £7,000 damage. Mr when he reported on a party day.

Extra officers were drafted in to round up the freed prisoners. Chief Supt Peter Johnston, of West Mercia Police, said: "We are treating Hampson, of the Kilburn this as suicide, but at present police, said: "This has been a we have no idea what was salutory lesson to everybody." | behind it."

### PORTFOLIO Winner is bound for Spain

There were two winners in yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum competition.
Dr Alex Baker, of Bovey

Tracy, Devon, who is semiretired, will use the money for a holiday with his wife He said: "We've toured northern Spain in the car. staying at the small tourist inns. This will enable us to

live it up a bit." If there was any money left over he and his wife would share it. "We have grandchildren, but I think the golden oldies deserve a

The other winner was Mrs Patricia Ratcliffe, of Huncoat, Lancashire. Each receives £2,000.

### Talking typewriter rivals vocabulary of Shakespeare

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent

Scientists yesterday unveiled 2 speech-controlled typewriter that is Harted with a "wake up" command and shut down with a "go to sleep" order spoken by its operator.

The talking typewriter can understand and reproduce 30,000 words of spoken English without the need for a keyboard. Shakespeare harbessed an estimated 32,000 individwal words to pen his 154 sonners and 43 known plays. Dr Jim Baker of Dragon Systems, Newton, Massachusetts, the company behind the breakthrough, said: "We are well in

Apart from its prodigious word range, the computer can handle various accents. Rival systems often crumble in the face of a new user with unfamiliar vocal sounds. Traditionally they require weeks of painstaking training to be "taught" the new voice.

The high-tech secretary, however, can be addressed immediately by a new voice with an initial loss of only then rapidly adapts to the intonations adding back words until the 30,000 vocabulary is replaced. Dr Raker said the new typewriter,

which would be a booo to lawyers. doctors, and senior management, will be oo sale in Britain soon, but it is in the lives of the disabled where the device may make its greatest Dr Baker, a senior computer

scientist who has been working on

computer voice-activation systems

since the 1970s before founding

used by people with cerebral palsy, a condition where victims have impaired speech. "The speech does not have to sound oormal, just consistent," he explained. Typing speeds nf more than 50 words a minute have been achieved in tests. The text is displayed on a video

screen and, if errors are spotted, the typing and moves to the query. word it displays a series of "best guesses" from which the operator

operator says "oops" to stop the If the computer fails to recognize a

can verbally or manually choose. Dr 5,000 words from its vocabulary. It Dragon, said the typewriter could be Peter Horne, based at the Birmiogham research and development headquarters of Apricot, a British computer company, said the system "will allow severely disabled people to really use a computer to communicate very effectively and cost effectively".

Yesterday, the company also announced a joint research project with a Belgium company, Lernout Haustie Speech Products, to develop several European language versions



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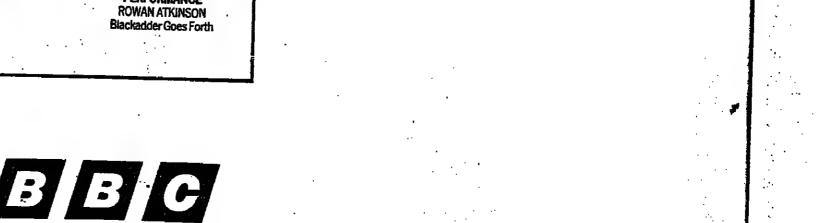
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### POLLUTION OF THE SEAS

### Study of oceans shows pollution link with disease

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The threat to public health demonstrable causal link be-and marine life from pollution tween human disease and from infection from the HIV of coastal waters has increased bathing in contaminated sea virus if cuts, sunburn sores everywhere in the world in the past 10 years, 20 of the world's leading marine scientists say in an international study pub-

They identify the discharge of untreated sewage as the greatest health and environmental hazard, contradicting of faecal origin and disease the view that there is no among bathers." Professor Obvious link between human disease and polluted sea water.

They reached their conclusion after a global investigation of the open seas and coastal waters conducted for the United Nations Environment Programme.

Professor Alasdair Mc-Intyre, of Aberdeen University, chairman of the Group of Experts on the Scientific As- posal of sewage had stopped in pects of Marine Pollution, said in London yesterday: "This is the first serious scientific overview by the group of the health of the world's oceans in eight years.

"Recent epidemiological studies in the United States and in the Mediterranean have cast a new light on the causal relationship between swimming in sea water contaminated with pathogens McIntyre said.

It had been thought that such organisms lived only for a short time in sea water but "we are having to recognize this is not the case".

In one extreme case in the United States viruses, including the polio virus, had been found to survive at a dumping site for 17 months after dismarine waters, Professor Mc-Intyre said.

The group's evidence comes less than a week after controversy arose over a submission to the Commons "We no longer accept the environment select committee

and shingle scuffs were exposed to contaminated waters.

Professor McIntyre said that in some circumstances the Aids virus might survive in sewage-polluted sea water but the chance was probably very slight.

The danger of infection in general was greater in warmer regions and holiday centres such as the Mediterranean where people spent several hours lazing in the water, the professor said. In Britain bathers spent little time, "usually minutes", in the water.

He said an equal health risk came from infected shellfish. Destruction of marine habitats and microbial contamination of beaches and the sea were causing the experts greatest anxiety. One cause for concern was

eutrophication, or overenrichment of coastal waters hy compounds that act as nutrients, such as phosphates and nitrates from agricultural  Land-based discharges from farming, industry, sewage
 Atmospheric pollution, acid rain and engines..... 

The sources of sea polintion

and industrial run-off. It produces excessive plant growth, or algal blooms, that take the oxygen from the water which in turn kills fish.

Other factors causing concern were the build-up of chlorinated bydrocarbons from pesticides; the dumping of such chemicals as PCBs, particularly in the tropics and sub-tropics, pollution of the sea by plastic litter and of tar accumulations; and the development of marinas, har-bours, hotels and other coastal projects - particularly in Mediterranean resorts - with inadequate sewage and waste

An additional hazard came from the increase in silt and brackishness of two-thirds of the water discharging from marine environment in the

rivers, caused by deforestation and dam-building Professor McIntyre said:

Chemical contamination and litter can be observed from the Poles to the tropics and from beaches to abyssal depths." Too little attention was paid

to the consequences of coastal development, but there were also dangers from further inland. Vast amounts of silt and brackish water swept down rivers from deforestation affected the growth of fish life and marine organisms by blocking sunlight and chang-ing the chemical balance of the environment "If you consider the contin-

uing population growth, there is good reason to fear a significant deterioration in the

ordinated national and international action is taken now.

"We are concerned that very low concentrations of toxic substances may produce effects at the sub-lethal level that could build up over long periods with significant damage to ecosystems," Professor McIntyre said.

"The open sea is relatively clean. In contrast, the margins of the sea, from the shore to the 200 to 300-metre water line, at the edge of the continental shelf, are affected by man almost everywhere. Man's fingerprint is found everywhere in the oceans."

The State of the Marine Environment (UNEP Regional Ser Reports and Studies No 115)

### Priority shift over danger to the oceans

Scientists have changed their damaged, but some zones are priorities in listing the pollution dangers to the oceans. The risk from traces of heavy metals from industry such as cadmium, lead and mercury — that cause hrain damage and can accumulate in the food chain is now of less

There is anxiety, however, about the geographical spread of such man-made chemicals as the persistent chlorinated hydrocarbons. They are decreasing in the temperate zones but increasing in tropi-

Although high concentrations of those synthetic com-pounds are still found in sediments off the United States and in the North Sea. and in fatty tissue of seals, the experts believe the contamination has not caused irrevers-

However, damage was aused to some mammals and fish-eating birds through impaired reproduction.

Instances of serious damage are increasing in tropical and ub-tropical areas.

yet to have been irrevocably

No areas of the ocean and none of its resources appear

North Sea; Mediterranean areas, particularly off Spain, Turkey, Greece and Italy, the Nile delta; the Amazon delta; a site 100 miles off New York; San Francisco Bay, the Great Barrier reef, the Phillipine coral reefs; the Gulf of Mexico and South-east Asia.

In the South Pacific, discarded monofilament nylon drift nets trap and drown dolphins, whales, turtles and seals and cause the deaths of fish. North Pacific salmon meet the same fate.

Although exact figures have not been calculated, the destruction of beaches, coral reefs and wetlands, including mangrove forests, are recorded all over the world.

The coastal "explosion" is a reflection of the population increase, accelerated urban development and faster transport.

Controlling coastal dev-elopment and protecting habitats will require changes in planning both inland and on the coast, probably involving painful social and political choices, according to Professor McIntyre.

### State schools to adopt student teaching scheme

Teachers should stop singing professions - the last thing terday, "It is time for us to get our own back."

tend a work-experience plan introduced into independent schools last year.

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced that the scheme would be extended into state schools, backed by £40,000 of taxpayers' money, supported by £50,000 from industry.

From September state schools will be able to pay £100 a week to students in degree to work alongside

The scheme is an exact copy of the independent plan launched a year ago, but the Government is anxious not to be seen to be subsidizing the

fee-payers. In state schools half of every £100 paid will come from the Government and half from industry. In independent schools, half will come from the sponsors and half from the

Mr Beer said: "We have been shooting ourselves in the foot by doing our best to

"They have been attracted by money but we have to show them that teaching is a reasonahly well paid and satisfying job. We have to persuade them how exciting the very noble profession of teaching

Mr Beer's scheme attracted 43 students to 33 independent schools who were paid betheir second or third year of a tween £70 and £100 a week plus board and lodging in the teachers, as reported in *The* independent boarding schools. Six of them who had boarding not previously considered teaching have decided to take up full-time training.

Both men acknowledge the Mr Benjamin Matthews, a history student at Durham University, who worked for two weeks at a boys' public provide work experience for school, said: "I enjoyed the our sixth formers, explaining experience...but I have dethe advantages of all the cided to become a solicitor."

By David Tytler, Education Editor

the praises of other pro-fessions while forgetting their own, Mr lan Beer, the head master of Harrow, said yesdifferent thing if you are on the right side of the desk. Mr Beer was welcoming the There must be very many Government's move to ex- bright young men and women in our polytechnics and universities who would make

great teachers," he said.

Mr MacGregor said: "The £100 seemed the realistic anproach as many students traditionally earn money during vacation. I am delighted we maintained schools."

### Laser-feed may increase growth

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

American scientists are using hoped that the technique will lasers to make cattle feed more be of economic benefit to digestible in an attempt to encourage faster growth in

Members of the US Government's Agricultural Research Service at Fort Collins, Colorado, found that lasertreated feed may dramatically boost the speed at which cattle

An increase of 3 per cent in grass digestibility can improve growth rates by between a quarter and a third.

The team developing the laser treatment claims to have improved the digestibility of tall fescue grass by 11 per cent and switchgrass by 14 per

Cows, sheep and other ruminants are able to digest plant fibre, hut spend many hours regurgitating and rechewing the cud to allow bacteria and enzymes in their stomachs time to digest the

With poor quality or older feed digestion can take longer. Some nutrients remain trapped inside leaves.

Lasers punch holes in hay, grass or silage so that stomach juices" can penetrate the the animal to extract nutrients more rapidly.

Dr James Forwood said the research unit was conducting studies to see if laser food caused any harmful side-

News of the treatment comes as British agricultural scientists have developed a way of making images of the using infra red light, It is

farmers and ensure that cattle receive a nutritionally sound being offered nationwide, has pioneered at the Adas Feed Evaluation Unit. the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's advisory Warwickshire.

Mr lan Givens, an animal nutritionist, said feed found to be of poor digestibilty could be supplemented with nutrients by farmers.

He said the imaging technique appeared to be identifying feed with high levels of ligin, the woody material found in plants.

British agricultural scientists have also launched research to identify environmentally friendly feeds. Cattle sheep produce large quantities of methane as a byproduct of digestion, but methane is a principle gas linked with the "greenhouse effect" or global warming.

Ms Angela Moss, of the Adas Feed Evaluation Unit, said early findings indicated that highly concentrated foods such as protein feeds were the worst offenders. Animals fed on forage, grass, hay and silage, seemed to produce less methane

Ms Moss, who will be presenting findings at the British Society of Animal Production meeting in Scarborough. North Yorkshire, today, said the effects of mixed diets on ruminants would now be studied. It may lead to the introduction of methane

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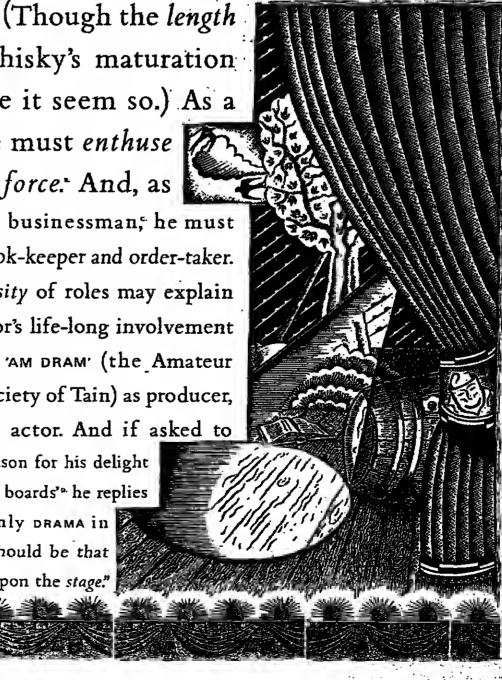


Patience is not the only attribute demanded of a distillery manager.

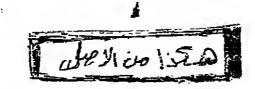
of the whisky's maturation may make it seem so.) As a leader, he must enthuse his work-force. And, as a successful businessman; he must placate his book-keeper and order-taker. Such a diversity of roles may explain Ian McGregor's life-long involvement in his local 'AM DRAM' (the Amateur

disclose the reason for his delight in 'treading the boards' he replies wrily. "The only prama in

Dramatic Society of Tain) as producer, director and actor. And if asked to a production should be that which occurs upon the stage."



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capping

The Government was yes-terday confronted with the £12,122 per head below its certain prospect of High Court approved budget. action against any attempt to single out the Labour-con-trolled London boroughs for

methods of selecting councils for capping, measuring either against Whitehall's estimate of what a council needs to spend to provide services or Association of London Authrities (ALA), predicted months-long administrative chaos ths-long administrative chaos as capped councils withdrew one set of poll tax bills and tried to adjust their computers and billing systems to send out

already struggling to accom-modate educational respon-sibilities being inherited from the inner London Education Authority, to abrogate their statutory obligations to provide schooling, social services and street cleansing and maintenance. This would require the courts to judge the reasonableness of action taken by Mr Chris Patten, Secretary

of State for the Environment. Mrs Hodge said the London boroughs were already seeking the advice of lawyers, both individually and as the ALA. "The Government appears to be making up the rules,".

Under the local government finance Acts, the Department of the Environment has greater latitude than under the old rate-capping system to choose which councils, if any, it will cap. Technically, the caps are imposed on council budgets but the object is to force councils to revise their poll tax levies downwards.

Whitehall is empowered to apply different criteria to inner-London boroughs than to outer ones and different selection criteria once again to shire districts and counties. Most shire districts are excluded from capping because the law absolves those local authorities with budgets of

less than £15 million a year. The City of London is also excluded, which is perhaps as well because it is on course to spend nearly £1,800 per head population in excess of Whitehall's spending norms average-sized borough.

Mr Patten has at least four methods of selecting councils

either work with percentages, which tends to throw up Labour-controlled shire districts such as Norwich and Middlesbrough, or with actual cash which tends to identify She said capping would the Labour inner-London bor-force inner-London boroughs, oughs.

One problem for the Government is that while it would be easy to catch in its net such places as Greenwich, Lambeth, Islington (where Mrs Hodge is the leader) and Camden, it might also embarrass the Conservatives who rule in Kensington and Chelsea by trapping them, too. Kensington's spending in 1990-91 is likely to be about 16 per cent above officially-approved levels. Ministers

might choose to cap those councils where the poll tax is notably above Whitehall's figure for what councils need to spend — the standard spend-

Those liable for poll tax in Greenwich are paying for services some £387 per head in excess of the Whitehall norm and the top overspenders on this measure, after Greenwich, are Lambeth Haringey, Hammersmith, Southwark, Tower Hamlets Islington, Hackney, Camden and Brent, All are Labourcontrolled except Tower Hamlets where the Liberal Democrats hold power.

But if the Government in sisted that poll-tax bills in the inner-London boroughs had to be cut by say, £100 a head, this would mean the councils having to save tens of millions of pounds within the remaining nine months of the finan-

The ALA said printing new poll-tax bills would cost a minimum of £80,000 in an

### In the shadow of a new rate

By Peter Davenport

In a commemorative booklet of the family business at
Stonegate, in the shadow of
York Minster, Mr Ben Kilvington wrote of his satisfaction that another generation
was shouldering the tradition. He also expressed grateful thanks to customers and staff

throughout the ages who had enabled the firm to "survive and prosper" in an exceptionally beautiful street in which the family felt privi-leged to carry on their trade. That anniversary was two years ago. Mr Kilvington, aged 67, was in a much more

sombre mood yesterday about the health and shape of the family company of iron and wire workers and weavers. The cause of his concern is the impact of the uniform

business rate, which is due to come into effect on April 1 and is having a dramatic impact in the city of York in general and along the narrow, flagstone street of Stonegate in particular. Mr Kilvington's business, in which his wife, Violet, and

son, Simon, are partners, paid £3,763 in rates last year. Under the business rate system, the bill will be £25,404. Although its impact will be eased by a five-year transi-tional period, he said the rating system posed the most severe financial threat that the

family firm had faced. "The figure represents an eight-fold increase and I simply cannot increase the prices of my goods eight times to meet that I am having to consider other options to meet my obligations and I just hope they will allow us to carry on our retail trade from these premises," he said.

Mr Kilvington, whose shelves of decorative brasses and ironwork are a popular draw for American tourists who flock to the city, is a founder and past chairman of the Stonegate Traders Association. Like many of his neighbours and fellow businessmen, he hopes that in his Budget today, Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will at least indicate that the transitional period will be extended to 10 years.

The Government has announced a scheme known as "transitional relief" to help commercial rate payers facing big rate rises. Under the system, rates on

properties with a new rateable value of more than £10,000 will not increase by more than 20 per cent, plus inflation,



value below that figure will of Trade, Commerce and In-means ensuring a happy mix

not increase by more than 15 relief will continue annually until the full rates become payable, or for a maximum of In medieval Stonegate, the

shops are a mix of locally owned family businesses and national chains. Some of the increases in rateable values are dramatie.

A clothes store will see its rateable value increase from £2,597 to £115,000 and its business rate bill from £6,641 to £40,020. A locally owned firm of china specialists will have an increase from £3,472 to £190,000 and its bill from £8,878 to £66,120.

dustry, said yesterday that the of businesses in the city per cent, plus inflation. The city had come out on top of a national table of levels of major chains and fastfood increase imposed by the unioutlets. form business rate.

> The organization is lobbying MPs and hopes to arrange a meeting with Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, to press the case for improved transitional measures.

In a recent newsletter to its members, the chamber said that the affect of the increase could be "catastrophic" for the centre of the city.

"There must be serious concern that some businesses will close. York is a major tourist destination but we also Mr Michael Brown, chief want to be a major shopping executive of York's Chamber attraction, and part of that

centre. We don't just want

Mr Michael Wey, deputy city treasurer, said that York had been hit severely by the new business rate for two reasons. Since the last revaluation in 1973, it had enjoyed a boom which was reflected in property prices. Secondly, the local council had traditionally introduced low rates.

In Mr Kilvington's shop. there are a succession of photographs and ancient prints showing each successive head of the family posing outside their shop. He said he hoped the next picture to go up on the wall, that of his son, would not be the last.

## Poll tax cost may increase after Budget

expensive to collect and administer than the rates.

Mr John Major, the Chan-cellor, is expected to raise the £8,000 savings qualifying limit for rebates to between £10,000 and £16,000. With more people qualifying for rebates than councils had estimated, collection costs will rise enormously.

The Association of Metro-

politan Authorities said a higher threshold would mean many bills would be wrong because they did not give rebates and there would be a rush of new claims

It said the much higher cost of running the poll tax in-ctuded the hiring of over 8,000 extra staff in England

According to the Association of London Anthorities, inner London has the added problem of collecting the tax from a highly mobile and young population. Authorities with a high number of council tenants also faced added costs because rent and rates used to be collected together.

Forecasts that poll tax rebates authorities are in a dilemma Forecasts that poll tax rebates are to be changed in today's Budget dismayed local authorities yesterday as they disclosed that the charge is on average three times more expensive to collect and authorities are in a question as to whether they pursue policies that make it easy for people to pay because these methods turn out to be very costly. Allowing cash payments means extra security, and collecting formightly costs more than monthly."

Charge capping would also add to expense. The ALA believes it could cost each capped authority £1 million in re-billing and cash-flow losses.
In Lewisham, south-east
London, the poll tax is costing

£25 a head to collect com-pared with £15 for rates. In Oxford, collection and administration is estimated at £3, million, a fivefold increase on last year's costs.
In Newcastle upon Tyne the

council estimated that it will cost £1.5 million to collect the poll tax, three times more than for last year's rates.

● Councils in England are to receive a government grant worth £21 million to cover the cost of one part of the poll tax rebate scheme (David Walker

Mr David Hunt, the local government minister, said the money would pay for the extra administrative costs of the "transitional relief" scheme under which individuals fac-Mr Steve Lord, the ALA ing a sharp rise in their finance officer, said: "Many payments can claim a rebate.

### '90% of Scots are paying charge'

Ninety per cent of Scots are pay or are in arrears, the the Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday.

Defending the poli tax, Mr Riskind said that the vast majority of people liable to pay were obeying the law. Speaking at the Scottish Grand Committee in Edinburgh, the first to be televised outside Parliament, he said that payment figures were 97. per cent in Grampian Region, 98 per cent in the Borders and 93 per cent in Tayside.

Even in Strathclyde, where 350,000 summary warrants

paying their community payment level was 85 per cent. charge, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Although the number of Although the number of people in Scotland who have not paid or are in arrears is now estimated at about 600,000, Mr Rifkind said that Strathclyde had issued summary warrants to only 15 per cent of those liable for the tax.

He conceded, however, that the poll tax was not yet a perfect system but was being improved as and when it was bers (of summary warrants) are greater but there is a substantial number of people who do not like paying their have been issued against taxes until very late in the people who have refused to day," Mr Rifkind said.

### **Baroness** 'pleaded poverty'

The Lady Illingworth conspir-acy trial was told yesterday how Baroness Susan de Stempel "pleaded poverty" to the former Department of Health and Social Security before allegedly abandoning her aristocratic aunt in a local authority home.

Baroness de Stempel and two of her children then looked for an apartment in Spain to buy with money from the sale of the old woman's furniture, Birmingham Crown

The baroness allegedly told social security officials in September 1985 that her aunt had no money and that she was struggling financially to bring up her five children at Docklow in Hereford and

The baroness's daughter Sophia Wilberforce had told West Mercia Police that the family finances "improved dramatically" after 1984, when Lady Illingworth was allegedly lured to their house on the pretext of a holiday.

Baron Michael de Stempel. aged 60, Marcus Wilberforce, aged 28, and Sophia Wilber-force, aged 27, all deny conspiring to steal Lady Illingworth's £500,000 fortune. Baroness Susan de Stempel has pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and two of

forgery. Miss Wilberforce told police that she went to Spain with her mother in October 1985 after the baroness had had an operation on her legs. She said it was the baroness's idea to buy a flat in Alicante. Miss Wilberforce said she was not suspicious of the

baroness's spending spree even though she had been unable to pay school fees. Miss Wilberforce said: "She had sold some furniture. We often sell furniture throughout the year. My mother is very

secretive about money." The prosecution claims that he trip to Spain had been paid for with funds out of Lady

Illingworth's bank. The court was also told how Miss Wilberforce travelled to Japan to see her brother, Alexander, in May 1984, and to New York to take up a post as a nanny a year later.

Miss Wilberforce denied any knowledge of the contents of Lady Illingworth's final will drawn up in September 1984. She told police it was "preposterous and fantastic" to suggest she had anything to do with forging the will. The trial continues today.

### Labour hopeful sticks to the campaign script

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

Dr Johnson, whose statue dominates the market square in Lichfield, his birthplace, must have turned in his grave when Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate, and Mr Denis Healey, the former Labour Chancellor, went foraging for votes in the town in the Mid Staffordshire byelection yesterday.

Johnson, it will be recalled, likeoed a woman preaching to a dog walking on its hind legs.
In a less celebrated but equally
inflammatory ntterance, he
also struck this blow against the career woman: "A man is in general better pleased when he has a good dinner upon his table, than when his wife talks

Greek. And that, in a sense, sums up the Conservatives' difficulty as they contemplate almost certain defeat on Thursday.

Mrs Heal might as well have been talking Greek for all the success her opponents have had in forcing her to depart from the prepared script con-structed for her by Mr Peter Mandelson, Labour's director

of communications. Yesterday, it was Mr Chris Patten's turn to accuse her of hiding ber true colours from

the electorate. The response from the Labour Party has been the now traditional Mandelsonstyle sealed lips campaign, answering none of the questions, particularly on the most contentious issues," the Sec-retary of State for the Environment, who knows a thing or two about contentious issues, complained. On the main

MID-STAFFS BY-ELECTION

contentious issue - the poll tax - Mr Patten admitted there were "political hazards" to scrapping the rates, hut denied it would personally cost Mr Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, a safe scat.

Mr Patten also scotched suggestions that his private commitment to the poll tax was less than total. Mr Tim Jones, the Liberal

Democrat candidate, whose campaign has been buoyed by holding a seat in the council by-election last week, sounded equally frustrated. Labour was fighting the most negative campaign in decades, and trying to "cor-

ner" the voters with a shallow, American-style campaign. Labour is clearly becoming a trifle touchy about the "Barbie Doll" jibes being thrown at Mrs Heal. Mr

Robin Cook, chief health spokesman, broke off from

Mr Chris Patten: Sealed lips

NHS reforms to argue that the Conservatives were also trying to keep some people under

"The one Tory figure whom they are even more reluctant to bring to this by-election than Michael Heseltine is Kenneth Clarke."

Mr Prior, an engagingly candid but somewhat maladroit figure, was also in danger of falling victim to this sudden plague of political modesty.

Momentarily, he appeared to have joined Mr John Major in Budget purdah when he said he could not comment on the likely contents of today's fiscal package. However, after prompting, he said he wanted the Chancellor to squeeze inflation out of the system.

Mrs Sara Parkin, the country's best-known and most photogenic Green, was far less reticent as she unveiled her party's budget proposals. They included an average carbon tax of 10 per cent on all fossil fuels, an extra 90p a gallon on petrol and a reduction in the road-building programme of £8 billion and in the defence

budget of £3.5 billion. More cheerfully, bank base rates would be cut by 2 per cent, child benefit would be raised by 50 per cent, and pensions would be increased by 10 per cent above inflation. People earning more than £18,000 a year would face higher taxes, but there would be reductions for the low paid.

1987 General Election: J Heddle (C) 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/ALL/ 13,114; J Bazeley (Independent C) 836. C Maj: 14,654.

### Sainsbury staff get 11% rise

By Kevin Eason

Sainsbury's, Britain's largest supermarket chain, yesterday announced wage increases averaging 11 per cent for 60,000 workers at the start of a drive to reduce its high staff turnover.

The company says that about 40 per cent of workers in its 289 stores leave each The wage increases under-

line the competition for staff at a time when retailers are becoming increasingly wor-ried about the implications for recruitment of the rapid decrease in school leavers. Minimum rises will be 8.5 per cent but some staff will get

up to 15 per cent in a regrading exercise, which will put about £27 million on the company wage bill and also save it from a potentially embarrassing equal pay test case. The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers announced that it was dropping

charges against the company

after Sainsbury's ordered a

thorough review of the salary and promotion structure for its weekly paid workforce. The results, announced to staff yesterday, mean better rewards for skill, clearer promotional opportunities and more flexible hours.

The union was pursuing the case of Mrs Geraldine O'Sullivan, a checkout operator at a south-east London pointing particularly to the store, who was claiming work risk from "crack", a potent of equal value to higher paid warehousemen

Checkout operators will be included in some of the highest awards after the review, in cocaine seizures now involve Scotland, Lothian and

### Mellor reports record number of drug addicts

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Britain had a record 14,785 tic sign in the statistics, Mr notified narcotic addicts last Mellor said, was that there had year but the overall addict population could be up to 10 times that figure, reaching 150,000, Mr David Mellor, the Home Office minister reponsible for drug policy, said yesterday.

The 1989 figures, published yesterday, were 17 per cent higher than those of 1988. Mr Mellor said that, overall, there might be 75,000 to 150,000 addicts, based on guesstimates". Previous estimates have put the addict population between 50,000

and 100,000. He pointed to the rise in the number of new cocaine addicts, totalling 530 last year, and said that Britain may still only be experiencing the "lull before the storm".

Mr Mellor, speaking at a briefing for next month's world ministerial summit on drug problems, in London, said heroin abuse may have peaked, though at a very high

More than 460 kilos of cocaine were seized last year, up to 60 per cent of it imported via the Continent, but much more had reached the market. "We underestimate cocaine

at our peril," the minister said, refinement of cocaine. Seizures of crack have risen from six in 1986 to 139 last

year and 15 per cent of all

been a decrease in the number of new addicts aged under 21. The need to continue to combat addiction was demonstrated by the fact that twothirds of notified addicts injected drugs, risking HIV and other infections. The figures from the Home Office show that the number

of registered addicts rose from 10,716 in 1987 to 14,785 last year. New addicts increased from 4,593 to 5,639 while renotified addicts rose from 6,123 to 9,146. Heroin remains the greatest

single narcotic drug of abuse with 12,484 notified addicts last year, against 888 cocaine addicts. Between 1979 and 1989 the

number of new heroin addicts rose from 1,110 to 4,883 last year, while the number of cocaine addicts rose from 126 to 527 over the decade. In the past 10 years the number of deaths attributed to

drug misuse has increased by up to three times to reach an annual figure of 250. More women have become involved in cocaine abuse. The ratio of male to female heroin addicts is running at

four to one while the gender division among cocaine addicts is split half and half. The main areas for narcotics addiction remain London. Merseyside, Greater Machester, Cheshire and Lan-

cashire and Norfolk and, in

### **Employers** get advice on Aids

Every employer in the country is to receive updated information about Aids and to be urged not to discriminate against workers with the virus. A booklet is being sent to 400,000 companies this week advising managers to give HIV-infected staff equal standing Mr Michael Howard, the Secretary of State for Employment, whose depart-ment has helped to produce the booklet, said workers should never be dismissed because they have the virus. "Employers may have to deal with fear and potential victimization over this issue so it is important they have a policy."

Companies should not ask applicants to take an HIV test, he said.

GP appeal

Dr Navin Rastogi, a GP in Bolsover, Derbyshire, who was suspended for failing to provide proper treatment for two patients who later died, has won an appeal to resume practising after the General Medical Council accepted that he had improved his methods.

Child award

Michael Biscoe, aged six, who suffered brain damage at birth, was awarded £70,000 agreed damages against Enfield Health Authority in the High Court. His mother, Mrs Leila Biscoe, of Enfield, north London, received £45,500.

Tax protest Mr John Crookall-Greening and his wife, Grace, of Bed-ford, say they will continue paying their rates of £1,100, even though their poll-tax is £300 lower, in protest at the "unfairness" of the new

Driving ban The Oxford United footballer

Les Phillips was fined £250 and banned for three years for a second drink-drive offence. He is the sixth player with the club to be convicted of drinkdriving in three years.

One in four people living in the Lake District National Park is retired or of retiring age and one in six houses is a holiday home, according to the National Park office.

Lake people

Poll watcher Mrs Edwina Currie, the Conservative MP for Derbyshire South, has been invited to be an observer at Roma-nia's elections in May.

### the refined drug. One optimis-Britons take to Japanese with their purses and hearts

By Robin Young

Britons are wildly pro-Japanese, researchers have concluded from a study of consumer attitudes to Japanese products and companies.
Their report suggests that the Japanese miracle is not only economic but psychological too.

Most of the 1.448 adults interviewed for the survey thought of the Japanese in terms of rising suns, flower gardens, culture and tea ceremonies. Clive James and the Second World War notwithstanding, only 8 per cent associated them

with inhumanity and fanaticism. The number of Britons having a wholly favourable view of things Japanese outnumbered those who

researchers, Mintel, found, Japanese goods had a reputation among shoppers for value for money, high quality and good reliability, while well over half British workers regarded Japanese companies as

ivourably as British ones. There are already 118 Japanese manufacturing companies in Britain, half of them having set up plants in the past three years, Imports of Japanese goods have quintupled in value over the past decade, while 70 per cent of respondents to Mintel's survey already had one or more Japanese products in their household.

None the less, over half the

consumers questioned said they

would welcome more and different types of Japanese goods in the

Among them in future, Mintel suggests, might he micro-cars, more Japanese clothes, and small domestic appliances originally designed to fit in confined Japanese dwellings. Miniature refrigerators, cookers and washing machines from Japan could be useful Mintel thought, in studio flats and small starter homes. Fifty-five per cent rated them-

selves likely to huy a Japanese video, and half would buy a Japanese camera, though only 4 per cent expressed any willingness to try Japanese washing powder or stomach and headache remedies. Those most resistant to Japanese products were people aged over 55, with memories of the war and of the period in which Japanese goods were thought of as cheap and nasty imitations of Western products.

More than a third of respondents were timid of Japanese food (a fifth associated Japan with "raw food") but two out of five were in favour of Japanese restaurants, which had a particularly strong following among the young and in Scotland.

Willingness to try food and drink products that are widely available in Japan but not yet sold here ranged from 33 per cent in favour of fruit juice with extra fibre, to 7 per cent for aerosol coffee concentrate and drinking custard, and 6 per cent for ready-to-drink liquid jelly. More

than a third of Britons link the Japanese with "industriousness" and only 3 per cent with "modernity". Mimel says that Japan's standing in Britain as a traditional culture could be used in areas such as finance to promote the idea of reliability, longevity and assurance. As yet, though, banks and insurance companies are the Japanese services 35 per cent say they would deliberately try to avoid.

For all our admiration of their traditions, efficiency, and industry, only 3 per cent associate the Japanese with trustworthiness.

Special Report, Japanese Products 1990 (Mintel, 18-19 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9HE; £750)

### Police team to pursue war crimes inquiry

A team of nine police officers is to be established to continue the work of the war crimes inquiry into alleged war. inquiry into alleged war criminals living in this country, Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, told MPs when he moved the second reading of the War Crimes Bill.

The inquiry, by Sir Thomas Hetherington and Mr William Chalmers, was set up in 1988 and reported to the Home Secretary in June last year.

The team, Mr Waddington said, will be under the control of the Metropolitan Pulice Commissioner and will be funded by central government. Evidence recorded on video will be permitted at any trials and the law of Scotland will be changed to allow that procedure north of the border.

Mr Waddington said that the War Crimes inquiry had de-cided that there was reason to suspect that among those who had settled in the United Kingdom after the war, there were some who had committed the most dreadful crimes.

On the basis of the law as it stood they could not be called to account for their actions. The inquiry recommended changing the law to enable the courts to try offences of murder and manslaughter committed as war crimes in Germany or Germanoccupied territory during the Second World War.

The Government had considmight take. In particular, it had looked at the evidential and procedural recommendations made by the inquiry.

"There is only one of the inquiry's ancillary recommendations which would, if accepted, break new ground and that one is the suggestion that documentary evidence from foreign archives should be admissible in evidence if the source of the evidence was authenticated by the archivist."

That would involve new les-

Parliament had already accepted that live television evi-deoce was permissible, princi-

"We therefore intend to bring section 32 (of the Criminal Justice Act) into effect in respect Justice Act) into effect in respect of murder, manslaughter and serious and complex fraud. But section 32 does not apply to Scotland and, to extend the power to Scotland, an amendment has been tabled in the Hruse of Lords to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill."

The inquiry had also recom-mended that it should be pos-sible for evidence to be used in war crimes trials to be taken on commission in the country where the witnesses were living and that video recordings of evidence taken in that way, or in response to a letter of request issued by a court in this country to an overseas authority, should be admissible.

There was no need to legislate to achieve that because it was already provided for in the Criminal Justice Act.

Neither was further action required on the question of video recordings so far as the law related to England and Wales, but it was unclear whether such evidence would be admissible under Scottish law. That would be put right by amendment of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) asked why the Home Secretary had not discussed the bringing of alleged German war criminals to justice with the Attorney General and the chief prosecutsing officer of the time, Lord Shawcross. If he had done so, Lord Shawcross would have offered advice diametrically op-posed to the advice Mr Wad-

dington had given to MPs. Mr Waddington said he had decisions. It could not shuffle of all our salvation to the

them off.

He planned to establish a central policing unit to pick up and continue the investigatory work begun by the inquiry. This unit would be operationally responsible to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and would, at first, consist of nine police officers plus supporting staff. As the work developed it might be necessary to review its size.

The task should be funded entirely by central government, although it would not be under central government direction.
Both those making investigations and prosecutions must be
able to call upon the expert assistance of historians and

It would not be right to proceed with this unit until the Bill had received Royal Assent. That would enable MPs to advise the Government on what sort of unit they thought it should be, bow it should operate and what sort of liaison it might have with other units overseas.

It was so long since the war, and it was the instinctive wish of roost people to get on with their lives in peace and not rake over

"But sometimes one is brought face to face with facts that cannot be buried, with deeds so terrible that they cannot be forgotten. And as long as one of those responsible survives, the world will cry out for justice." Mr Roy Hattersley, chief

Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that tonight they would vote with their consciences, the Bill raised moral principles. His fundamental view of this

matter had best been expressed by Winston Churchill who, in the House on October 28, 1948, had proposed to draw the sponge across the crimes and the greatest respect for Lord
Shawcross, but it was for the
Government to make difficult
may be — and look for the sake

### A memory of Belsen

That would involve new legislation. It would not be right to take that step for war crimes alone and the Government did not propose to do so.

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The did not be right to the debate, said that as an RAF man he had been sent to a medical team 24 hours after that concentration camp was liberated. The memory that haunted him was of a Roman Catholic priest celebrating Mass at a makeshift altar. He had been bolding the elements in one hand, and something had struck Mr Molyneaux as peculiar about the manner in which be was standing. The priest was having to support himself on the altar with his other hand. The bodies of two of his fellow priests who had died the day before were at his feet. priests who had died the day before were at his feet.

It was not only Jews who had suffered, and it was important to try deoce was permissible, princi-pally for serious and complex Jewish people not to look on this as a racist issue, although

However, the crimes involved did seem to him to be so monstrous that they could not possibly be subject to any statute of limitations.

They had to consider why they might wish to proceed with prosecutions, possible convictions and eventual punishment. Had they meant to deter all

war crimes, the Government would have chosen, and the House would have supported, a general rather than a specific Bill.

Clearly, MPs were not look-ing, either, for a way to ensure that such criminals did not repeat their offences. Retribution was far too near

to vengenance to be a good reason for introducing this Bill. MPs were, therefore, left with one possible justification: demonstrating their abiding revulsion at the conscious and premeditated slaughter of people and its relationship to a policy of senocide assists the policy of genocide against the whole Jewish race. "After some doubt and some

difficulty, I have come to the conclusion that that single justification, the demonstration of revulsion, is enough to warrant support for the principle of

Hc still retained the gravest reservations about what should, by any standards, be described as innovations to the Scottish law, which were now being

He was concerned about changes in the law designed to help specific convictions. It seemed to him that, however trivial or marginal the changes might be, that would set un-desirable precedents. It seemed a devious way of proceeding.

The changes were being at-tached to a Bill dealing with changes in beening laws and the rights of Scottish solicitors to have an audience in minor courts. It was undesirable to introduce the changes in this

Mr Jelian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C) said that he was deeply moved by the remark-able letter of Lord Shawcross to The Times (Saturday, March 17). Lord Shawcross wrote about how by 1948 the House had become sickened by the war crime trials, and came to the conclusion that it should no longer be responsible for in-stigating war crime trials in

Leading article, page 15



### Gallery is cleared of students

Nine students were evicted from the public gallery of the House of Lords after repeated out-breaks of coughing interrupted the second day of the committee stage of the Education (Student

The Earl of Caithness, Paymaster General, meanwhile, told peers that he would look again at the need for safeguards forbidding the disclosure of information held manually by the Student Loans Company.
Computerized records were already covered by the pro-visions of the Data Protection Act. He was responding to concerns expressed during dis-cussion of a amendment moved by Earl Russell (Lib Dem) urging protection against un-authorized disclosure or use of

The amendment was rejected by 126 votes to 110 -- Government majority, 16.

### Floods response 'is inadequate'

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, was pressed at question time to set up a task force and make more resources and funds available to deal with the aftermath of flooding in the Towyn area of North Wales.

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd, C) said that the scale of the disaster was far greater than anyone had realized and the money made available was inadequate.

The value of bouses had dropped by many thousands of pounds. Social Services departments were under great strain and the flooding had fixed an air of gloom over the whole area. A task force should be considered to provide co-ordination and restore some hope to the

unhappy people of the area". Mr Walker said that the best co-ordinator was the Welsh Office and it was working closely with local authorities. The Bellwin formula for helping WALES

authorities in a disaster normally paid 75 per cent of a council's costs. The Government had lifted the figure to 85 per cent.

The appeal he had made a few weeks ago to the furniture and carpet industry was producing

Mr Barry Jones, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on Welsh affairs, said that the amounts of money being provided by the Government and the system of compensation were insufficient.

The chief executive of Colwyn Bay estimated that £3 million

Mr Walker said that no government had done more in such circumstances. He would discuss with local authorities their assessments of their needs when they were ready.

### £57m in building grants for arts

The Government is providing £57 million in 1990-91 for the building and maintenance programme and galleries sponsored by the Minister for the Arts, Mr Richard Luce, he announced at the national museums in a Commons written

That provision would increase to £60 million next year and to £64 million in 1992-93, he added. That would bring the total pro-vision for building and maintenance nver the next three years to more than £180 million.

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#### Workers' pay 'too low'

MPs were feeding off the back of cheap labour in the tea rooms and dining rooms of the House of Commons, Mr Dale Campb Savours (Workington, Lab) said at questions.

Catering staff complained that they were underpaid, but the refreshment department had a balance of £2 million. It was now necessary for a review of their wages, he said during ques-tions to the Hnuse of Com-

mons Commission. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, Lib Dem), for the commission, said that the Hnuse never em-ployed cheap labour. Pay was linked to Civil Service

#### Rates paper promised

The Government is to publish a document showing what the increase io domestic rates would have been had that system been retained instead of the new community charge, Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said to a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; Prime Minister. The Budget: Lords (2.30): Hums

Fertilization and Embryology Bill, third reading, Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, committee, first day.

## Major's alternatives



How will the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget - his first, and the first to be televised - affect you? Rodney Lord looks at the options open to him and offers (right) a chart on which you can fill in the changes as they are announced in the House



As the first Chancellor to have his Budget speech televised, John Major may choose to present bis message a little differently from those of his predecessors. But the shape of the speech will probably not change much. Starting with prospects for the economy, he will move on to monetary policy and his judgment of the budget bal-ance, leaving the decisions on individual tax measures until last.

The economic outlook is sombre. Economic growth this year roay turn out slightly higher than the 14 per cent projected in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. but this is symptomatic of the inflationary pressures still at large. The City will be particularly er to see his latest forecast for

inflation. Price increases, which were forecast to have fallen to 5-% per cent by the end of the year, are likely to turn nut higher, boosted by the poll tax, increases in mortgage rates and, more seriously, a continuing underlying pressure on prices. What figure the Chancellor chooses will depend partly on when he expects to be able to bring down interest rates which is not soon.

For the pound and interest rates, the single most important question will be whether he decides to raise taxes. The expectation is that he will, but perhaps nnt



Tax cuts of any kind are unlikely this year. But with business profits and investment falling sharply, there is a relatively strong case for giving companies some relief. The Confederation of British

Industry has called for an increase io allowances rather than a cut in the rate of corporation tax. However, a move in this direction would reverse some of the reforms made by Nigel Lawson, Mr Maor's predecessor, and could also elax the constraints on comfanies not to concede big pay

Encouraging small business is a act of faith with the Conser-

vative Party, and there are usually one or two roeasures designed to make life easier for the young entrepreneur. They may involve unincorporated business: partnerships, rather than companies,

One area where business may bave to brace itself for oew burdens is environmental taxes. The main polluters are industrial: in theory, one of the best ways of protecting the environment is through the taxation of offenders. Most probably, however, the Chancellor will defer serious action for more study.



In a Budget where the bottom line may show a tax increase, the argument for raising the duty on cigarettes, drink and petrol is strong. But there is a problem. because the EC wants to bring taxes on spending closer together in member countries - which means bolding down duties in high-tax areas such as Britain so that the lower-tax Mediterranean countries can catch up.

Raising duties would also add temporarily to inflation, adding weight to the argument that if they must go up, it would be better to do so now rather than closer to the

If the Chancellor decides nn a simple adjustment of duties for inflation, he will add 7.7 per cent to each item. This will be in-creased slightly by the consequential rise in VAT as the price goes up. For beer that would mean an extra 1.7p per pint, wine 6.8p per bottle, spirits 41.9p per bottle, cigarentes 7.4p for 20 king size. petrol 1.8p per litre leaded and 1.6p unleaded, and £7.70 on the tax disc for a car. As a result, inflation would be raised by about

#### 0.55 per cent. POPULAR CAPITALISM

There has been little chance of judging how committed Mr Major is to promoting share ownership and employee participation. The Budget could give some indication. The changes last year to Personal Equity Plans have transformed this share-owner's tax break from a dead duck into a lively swan. The Chancellor may

want to do more. Some analysts have also been pressing him to extend the scope of Peps to give a measure of tax relief to savings in banks and building societies.

long-standing complaint, which has been much exacerbated by the independent taxation of husband and wife, is the composite rate tax (CRT) levied on building society deposits, which was extended by Mr Lawson to bank deposits.

Because CRT is not refundable to noo-taxpayers, it may not be worthwhile for wives with small amounts in the bank or the building society to have their own personal tax allowances.

Employee share ownership plans, an American import, were given a legal framework last year, but do not seem to have been very successful. This year could see some amendments.

Given his concern for the social effects of taxation. Mr Major seems likely to be fairly con-ventional about capital taxes. Indexation of the thresbolds for capital gains tax and inheritance tax is the most likely decision, though there could be further

### PERSONAL TAX BREAKS

The hot tips this year are company cars and childcare. Mr Lawson steadily reduced the tax perk of the company car by raising the scale at which the benefit was taxed. There is no reason to suppose Mr Major will desist. Given the need in raise ronney, he could well accelerate the process.

If he acts on childcare, it will be to introduce a new form of tax relief. A strong campaign has been mounted for extra help for working wives with young children. Charities often receive a little extra. This can range from changes

to an obscure part of the law on

VAT to large-scale new reliefs to

encourage the charitable instinct. It is difficult to see much change being likely with regard to the principal reliefs. Despite the Prime Minister's attachment to mortgage interest relief, it would be surprising to raise the ceiling at a time when the rates, one of the main taxes on property, are about to be abolished. Changes to reliefs on life assurance and pensions

would be easier for Mr Major than Mr Lawson, who was bound by various pledges. However, it would be politically brave to dive into that particular pool with the opinion polls as they stand.



In what may be a grey package, one of the few pearls Mr Major will be able to extract is the Government's plan for indepen-dent taxation of husband and wife. This was announced in detail

last year, but it comes into effect from April I and the Chancellor is sure to make much of its advantages for women. It also involves a tax giveaway of at least £500 million However, other measures, es-

tax, are bound to be less attractive. If Mr Major believes he needs to raise taxes, he may want to do so through income tax. The simplest way of raising a substantial sum might be to refrain from adjusting personal allowances for inflation, as Sir

Geoffrey Howe, the last Chan-cellor but one, did in 1981. That would raise about £1.6 billion. Pressure cootinues from some quarters for further reform of national insurance contributions. Options include abolishing the upper limit for employee contributions, making perks liable and smoothing the schedule for employer contributions. However, it would be surprising for the Government to act in this area for two consecutive years.

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### ECONOMIC

Economic growth, 1990 Last forecast: 1.25% Budget forecast

Inflation through the year Last forecast: 5.75% Budget forecast

Balance of payments 1990 Last forecast: £15bn Budget forecast

Budget surplus, 1990-91 Current year: less than £12.5bn Budget forecast

Oil price 1990 Assumption for 1989: about \$18 a barrel **Budget forecast** 

Money targets 1990-91 Current year: +1% to5% (MO) **Budget target** 

Others: pecially those to do with income

> TAXES Gallon of petrol (leaded) Inflation adjustment: up 8.2p Budget change

> Gallon of petrol (unleaded) Inflation adjustment: up 7.1p **Budget change** 20 cigarettes

> Inflation adjustment: up 7.4p

Budget change

Inflation adjustment: up 1.7p Budget change **Bottle of whisky** Inflation adjustment up 42p Budget change

Other duties VAT changes

Car licence

up £7.70

inflation adjustment:

### BUSINESS

Corporation tax Current rate: 35%

**Budget rate** Employers' NICs Budget 5% £46-80 a week 7% £80-125

9% £125-175 10.45% Over £175 **VAT threshold Adjusted** 

for inflation: £25,400 Budget figure Financial services tax 

North Sea oil Company car scale 1990-91

Small business

PERSONAL TAX BREAKS

Other changes

Husband and wife Mortgages

Age allowances With the second second Single parent's allowance Maria Caragonia Charitable donations 

Other covenants Pensions/life assurance Mark Company Social security

Haalth insurance Other reliefs/allowances

### POPULAR

Changes in income tax relief for:

Personal equity plans 

**Business Expansion** 

Employee share schemes Profit sharing

Stamp duty 

Capital Gains Tax threshold Adjusted for inflation: £5,385 **Budget figure** Inheritance Tax threshold

Adjusted for inflation: £127,000 **Budget figure** 

Other changes

INCOME

Personal allowances 1990-91 Inflation adjustment: up £215 to £3,000 Budget change up to

Married couple Inflation adjustment: up £120 to £1,710 Budget change up

Threshold for higher rates Inflation adjustment: up £1,595 to £22,295

**Budget figure** Top rate Currently: 40% **Budget rate** Basic rate of tax

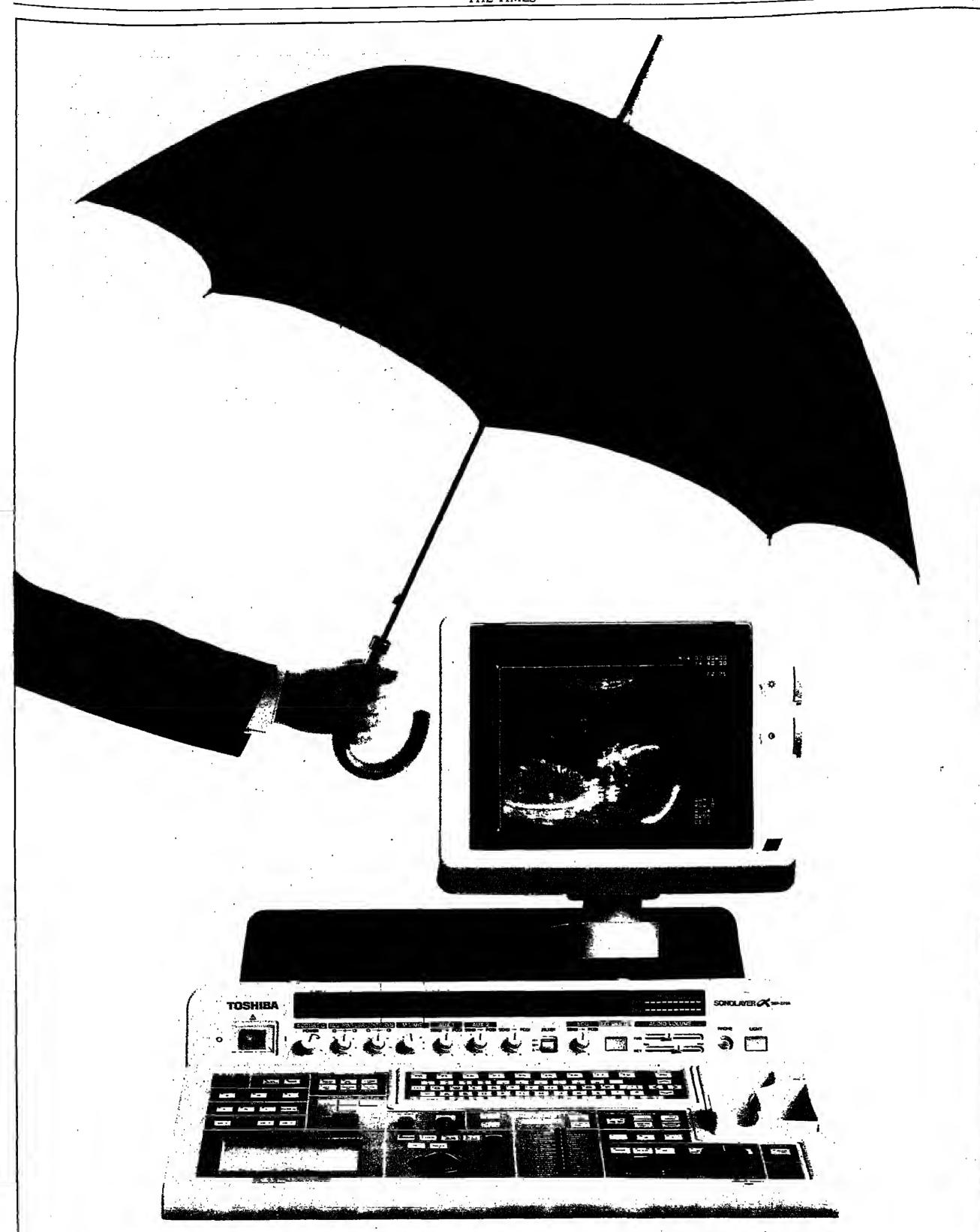
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**Budget rate** Employees' NICs Budget 9% £46-350

Currently: 25%

+2% £0-46

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Marcos battle in

rifleen people were killed and the "temerity" of his slight to a variety of weapons, includinacti people were killed and the "temerity" of his sugnition the critically injured in a mass attack by armed African National Congress supporters on the kraal of a chief loyal to the Zulu leader, Chief Gatsha Buthelesi

The attack is a severe seback to efforts by Chief Buthelezi and Mr Nelsoo Mandela, the ANC Vice-President, to end the violence in Natal Province which has claimed at least 3,000 lives in the last two years.

To make matters worse, the ANC's internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, has been ac-cused by Chief Buthlezi, leader of the powerful Zulu inkatha movement, of insulting the whole Zulo narioo. It comes at a time when tensions are high not only in Natal, the Zulu heartland, but between Zulus and other black people in the townships around the factories and gold mines of

The cause of Chief Buthelezi's anger with Mr Sisuln is a letter the latter sent to King Goodwill Zwelethini of the Zuln nation, saying he is willing to hold peace talks with him as soon as possible, provided the meeting is not scheduled for Ulundi, seat of the KwaZulu homeland legislative assembly. Chief Buthelezi, Chief Minister of ago. KwaZulu, attacked Mr Sisulu

"A large group arrived at victim was blinded in the in the assembly yesterday for the kraal and opened fire with attack.

Fourteen African heads of

state began talks in Lusaka

yesterday aimed at creating a

united front in the face of

South African attempts to

South Africa has built up

close relationships with some

conservative African nations,

chiefly Ivory Coast and Zaire.

Yesterday's meeting of the

Organization of African Uni-

ty's ad hoc committee oo

Southern Africa was an at-

tempt to close ranks and

ional Congress's position in

The ANC called oo the

committee to open diplomatic

cootacts with South Africa.

Mr Alfred Nzo, the ANC

forge alliances outside the

give a signal to the de Klerk

regime to block any possibil-

ities of progress towards the

climination of apartheid".

OAU committee, "it would talks to begin.

negotiations

make separate deals.

Chief Buthelezi returned oo Sunday from a visit to Zambia where President Kaunda endorsed him as a player in the forthcoming negotiations to devise a new South African

Most ANC supporters re-gard Chief Buthelezi as a "sellout" who worked within the ethnic homeland system while refusing to accept full in-

Chief Buthelezi, who has yet to comment oo the latest violence, issued a statemen yesterday calling on the ANC to lay down their arms "and throw in their weight with the rest of South Africa, which now wants to work towards a multi-party democracy".

Police in Pretoria said the attack oo the chief's kraal, at Njobokazi, a KwaZulu village 30 miles inland from Durban. took place on Sunday evening. The assailants were supporters of the United Democratic Froot, the internal wing of the ANC before the ban on the latter was lifted seven weeks

OAU seeks united front

over Pretoria relations

From Jan Raath, Harare

"talks about talks" with Mr de

Klerk oo ways to ease the way

to full negotiations on the

abolitioo of apartheid and the

introduction of a non-racial

The ANC insists that Mr de

Klerk, in ending the bans on

outlawed organizations and

releasing Mr Nelson Mandela,

its deputy president, has met

only a small oumber of the

preconditions laid down by

the Harare Declaration, the

road to democracy which was

tions in December.

adopted by the United Na-

Mr Nzo yesterday urged

Western nations to maintain

pressure on South Africa,

of conditions" demanded for

it it decause it had oot vet gone far

constitution.

strengthen the African Nat- blueprint for South Africa's

President de Klerk was able to enough to create the "climate

An ANC team is due in that would severely weaken province.

South Africa on April 11, for the ANC's position and

ing an AK 47 rifle," a police spokesman, Major Reg Crewe said. Two hand grenades were hurled into the kraal. As the occupants fled they were gunned down. They were then hacked and stabbed as well."

Two of the dead were special constables posted to gnard the pro-Inkatha chief. Major Crewe said the death constitution which will toll was expected to rise enfranchise all the country's because of the critical condition of the injured, who include a third constable.

At least five other people were killed in Inkatha-ANC clashes over the weekend, including one man who was hacked to death and theo set alight after being doused with

Violence also continued in several townships around Johannesburg.

Three people died in a simmering ideological war at Bekkersdal, a township about 25 miles south-west of the metropolis between ANC followers and adherents of the Consciousness Black

A Black Consciousness spokesman said that his people had been killed by members of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress, a UDF-ANC affiliate, wielding guns, spades and garden forks. A fourth

encourage other Western gov-

ernments to follow the line

taken by Mrs Thatcher in

President Kaunda of Zam-

bia told the meeting that "it is

the Pretoria regime that should unlock the gates to

negotiations" and carry on to

meet all the preconditions laid

down in the Harare Declara-

tion. These include the release

of all political prisoners, a

cessation of hangings of pol-itical prisoners, the end of political trials, a full lifting of

the state of emergency and the

removal of troops from the

ANC sources say they ex-

pect that on April 11 Mr de

that include a "suspension" of

the ANC's currently low-level

military campaign and argu-

ments for the retention of the

townships.

He said there was a danger ments for the retention of the that "certain countries" could state of emergency, to allow

be "deceived" by Mr de the Government to deal with

Klerk's concessions so far, and continued violence in Natal

lifting some sanctions.

## Scorched earth: An Eritrean People's Liberation Front rebel strolling among bundles of food relief still smouldering three weeks after the battle for Masawa. The bags of wheat, donated by the European Community, were used as fortification sandbags by defending Ethiopian government troops.

Rebels in Ethiopia force regime's hand

By Our Foreign Staff

President Mengistu of Ethiopia, deemed the world's poorest country with a per capita annual income of \$91 (£56), has signalled the end of socialist domination in the country.

Faced with economic collapse, civil war and the prospect of no further substantial assistance from fellow socialist nations, he told Canadian visitors at the weekend that a multiparty system would be acceptable. Defeats at the hands of rebels in Tigre and Eritrea have clearly forced the hand of what once was Africa's most rigidly Marxist-Leninist regime.

The plans for a multi-party system come after President Mengistu's announcement that private enterprise will have a role in the economy and that foreign investment must be sought, Reviewing 15 years of social-

from all angles, the transition to the socialist system ... has proved difficult and unattainable."

With the threat of starvation again stalking the land, the most important reforms will come in agriculture, where the annual food deficit is estimated at 250,000 tonnes. Although land will remain the property of the state, individual use will be permitted by law, as will the employment of labour by peasants. They will also be able to transfer their title to land to their heirs.

Other moves recently announced include: Basing state enterprises oo profitability, competition and productivity and privatizing or closing those which fail; allowing the private sector to compete in all areas of business; tax reform; permission for

houses, and the giving of governmentowned land to private firms for the building of hotels.

A communiqué issued by the official news agency appeared to confirm the President's move to create a multi-party system in addition to reorganizing the ruling Workers' Party of Ethiopia (WPE) as a nonideological national party. Referring to a resolution of the party's Central Committee adopting

the reforms, the news agency said:
There is nothing in the relevant item of the resolution ... which states that opposition groups are required to join or work under the WPE which ... is to be reconstructed under a new name."

Since President Mengistu announced the WPE's abandonment of Soviet-style Marxism-Leninism,

rejected ideology have begun to disappear from the streets of Addis Ababa, the capital. First to go was a poster displaying the faces of Marx, Engels and Lenin in Revolutioo Square, the site of mass rallies and military parades. A poster of the President leading enthusiastic workers and peasants under a red banner and the Ethiopian flag continues, however, to dominate the square.

Elsewhere, discreet groups of workmen have been going round by night, painting out hammer-and-sickle signs and socialist slogans on garish banners and displays spanning the streets of the capital.

Students have splashed green paint over a bust of Karl Marx outside Addis Ababa University and painted a black "X" on the plinth underneath.

### Socialist deadlock persists

al roll-back austerity programme which he advocated, but which has brought China's industrial

trial production", according to

the official China Daily.

its, to encourage people to From tomorrow, the central bank is to cut interest rates on commercial loans by one percentage poiot to 6 per cent. The China Daily said that when the austerity measures began "many enterprises which relied on bank loans for working capital were plunged into chaos. They faced huge

unemployment." People were lured into depositing their mocey by index-linked interest. Stockpiles of finished goods grew 80 percent by the end of last year, and debt defaults among enterprises are now running as

Industrial growth in January was down 6.1 per cent

Inflation, which calvanized the Government into introducing the austerity programme, has fallen from 27 per cent in cities in early 1989 to around 7 per cent.

Mr Li has said that he wanted to see an end to sluggish growth, but he is unlikely to describe the measures as a roll-back of the austerity policy, since that would admit defeat.

In an unusually critical comment for the official press, the China Daily quotes economists as saying: "The industrial growth rate would not have dropped to an his-toric low if the Government had taken action in the third quarter of last year."

Other elements of the austerity policy - like freeing prices from state control - do not seem to be up for discussion. Price reform is closely associated with the disgraced ex-General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, and has become a dirty word since he was ousted in June. Western analysts do not see the new measures solving the underlying problems.

It is not only Mr Zhao's adventurous economic policies which will be absent from this year's National People's Congress. Mr Zhao himself, although officially still a deputy to the parliament, "has asked for leave and will not attend", according to a congress spokesman.

As expected, senior leader Mr Deng Xiaoping will resign from his post as chairman of the State Military Com- the communist world.

the lucrative sex trade began.

That was when the police

came across Chief Divisional

Inspector André Pommarède.

third in command of their

own brigade, in the company

Mr Wan Li, the Standing Committee's chairman, has called for deputies to "air views freely in full exercise of democracy". But it is unlikely that disagreements at the congress will be made public, and most sessions of the two-week

Speculation that Mr Li might be ousted has been effectively silenced by the declaration that there will no personnel changes. It is be-lieved that some leaders favoured ditching the widelyloathed Premier as a scapegoat for the army action last June. It has apparently been decided, however, that such a

thus implicate the entire leadership.

• Election black-out: China's elections in East Germany which ended the communists hold on power (Renter

The People's Daily carried a report from Prague saying the Warsaw Pact was divided on

The China Daily, which has a limited circulation among local Chinese, was the only newspaper to report the elections.

Since last June's pro-reform coverage of events sweeping

### 'Abuses' by Israel attacked

Jerusalem - Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, who is oo a peace-making mission in the Middle East, yesterday attacked the Israeli authorities for alleged violations of human rights in t occupied territories (Richard

Owen writes). After talks with the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem, Mr Carter said: What we are talking about here is an authoritative government which is in charge in the territories but is depriving people under its control of their basic human rights."

Mr Carter, who met Israeli leaders on Sunday and leading Palestinian figures yesterday, travels on to Tunis today for talks with Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader.

#### Pipe blamed for hotel fire

Cairo - An Egyptian government report says the fire at the Helipolis Sheraton Hotel here earlier this month in which 17 people, including four Britons, were killed, was caused by a spark from a hookah, or hubble-bubble pipe, (Christopher Walker writes). The findings contradict sugges-tions that the blaze may have been started by Islamic fundamentalists.

#### India raises defence cash

recent violence in Kashmir

### Marcos lawyer girds for battle in New York court

first appeared in court in New York more than a year ago, Jimmy Breslin, the veteran columnist, ooted that her husband Ferdinand was oowhere to be seen.

The former Philippines President had been excused from the remand bearing hecause of illness and stayed in the Hawaiian sunshine.

"He was setting up Fat Imelda to do time in jail for both of them," Breslin wrote. If Imelda had any experience in being caught stealing, she would know that men in particular always become ill upon indictment."

Today Mrs Marcos -known as "The Steel Butter-" - is set to return the

Her husband died last September. But Mrs Marcos's lawyer has already signalled that when he goes to court today to defend the former First Lady against charges of

into the attitudes of jurors with respect to the wife's responsibility for the bus-band's acts," Mr Garry Spence, an outlandish Wyoming defence lawyer, said at a pre-trial conference oo Friday.



When Mrs Irnelda Marcos looting the Philippines Trea- "What should she know about sury, he will try to pin the what her husband did?" he

charged with corruption.

20 years in jail.

Mr Spence, whose trademark is a 10-gallon Stetsoo hat, made his name defeoding the little people against the powerful, so it is somewhat ironic that he is defending a

Mrs Marcos is charged with coospiring to invest \$168 million (£104 million) in "stolen funds" in hidden bank accounts and secret property holdings, including four prestigious huildings in Man-hattan. If convicted, she faces

Alongside ber in the dock will be Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi Arabian wheelerdealer. Prosecutors say Mr Khasboggi, once married to a Briton, helped the Marcoses cooceal their interest in certain properties. He faces a possible sentence of 10 years'

### From James Bone, New York

blame on Ferdinand Marros "I would like the court to go



former national leader

From Susan MacDonald Paris

Socialist Party heavyweights came and weot at the party's Rue Solferino headquarters esterday where M Laurent Fabius, the former Prime Minister and present National Assembly Speaker, and M. Lionel Jospin, the Educatioo Minister, remained at loggerheads in their battle for party

Each blamed the abysmal failure of the Socialist Party congress io Rennes over the weekend on the other's refusal to compromise.

The battle is fuelled by their personal ambition to be best placed to step into President Mitterrand's shoes if and when, io the middle distance he should step down.

M Mitterrand, aged 71, was elected for a second term in 1988. Since then those who believe they can see the writing on the wall have been prematurely jockeying for position - even to the point of

ridiculing the Socialist Party. M Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission and former Socialist Finance Minister, could not hide his. anger yesterday. He and others pointed out that the congress was prevented from bolding its scheduled internadonal debate oo Sunday by the absence of party leaders, who were discussing which of

their camp followers should get key party jobs in future. Those involved have uotil tonight to come up with an acceptable compromise before electing a new General Secretary and party executive tomorrow. M Pierre Mauroy, the present General Secretary, has said he will only stand again if he has general backing.

### Li to ease austerity policy as output falls

When Premier Li Peng opens — the biggest monthly drop in mission, In November, Mr the annual session of par-liament, or National People's last year stood at an overall 4 chairman of the far more Congress, today he will call for per cent, with minus growth

productioo to near standstill. Mr Li's Government "looks set to relax its tight hold on the money supply and boost consumer confidence in a bid to shore up plummeting indus-

China's austerity programme was conceived in September, 1988, after a summer of bank runs and panic buying. Now government economists are conceding that control of the money supply has gone too far, and are advocating a U-turn. Mr Li is expected to urge a cut in interest rates on bank depos-

spend, spend, spend. stockpiles of goods, low productioo capacity and rising

high as 1 to billion yuan (£14

compared with January, 1989

important Party Military his chosen successor, Mr Jiang

Zemin, the General Secretary.

congress are closed. move would admit that the crackdown was wrong, and

state-controlled media yes-terday withheld news on the reports).

East Germany's future mili-tary role, but made no mention of Sunday's vote.

demonstrations, the authori-ties have allowed only limited

Delhi - India has increased its defence budget by around 10 per cent (Coomi Kapoor writes). Mr Madhu Dandavate, the Defence Minister, told Parliament the increased spending was "the direct result of the situation on our borders", a reference to

### US space station encounters turbulence

The world's most advanced space-ship, a result of one of former President Reagan's ideas, has ruo into problems with the discovery that it is

a victim of its own complexity. So elaborate is the structure of Freedom, a \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) space station designed to be the showpiece of America's programme for the burnan exploration of space, that Nasa scientists predict astronauts will have to begin costly maintenance before construction of the project in space is even three-quarters complete. Reports of this serious problem in the space statioo's viability have led some experts to question the whole

future of America's expensive manned space programme. This year Nasa received \$12 billion from the White House and has asked for \$15.1 billion for next year, the biggest percentage increase requested by any agency. The budget for the

Freedom project this year is \$1.8 The Meccano-like space station was planned in 1984 when the US was anxious to compete with the Soviet Unioo's manned exploration of the solar system. Mr Reagan called for the development within a decade of America's first outpost able to support

a permaneot staff. Now Nasa experts have concluded that astronauts would have to spend about 2,200 hours a year "spacewalking" the exterior of the station to perform routine maintenance and inspection to keep it operational.

American astronauts have so far space-walked for nuly 400 hours in the 30 years of the US space programme. The required protective space-suits are very expensive, and no American astronaut has carried out such a walk in the past four years because of the perceived dangers.

"Over time, the grandiose schemes

back, and now even the more modest have become questionable," Mr Paul Stares, a research associate at the Brookings Institution in Washington, said. "You have to wnoder wbether it's really worth the money put into this programme when you could provide other types of (unmanned) long-duratioo craft, such as Voyager."

A Nasa spokesman declined to comment on reports that the space station may have to be redesigned. The structure, 500ft long, was cooceived to proit the earth while allowing a permanent crew to perform studies and planetary forays.

Reports of the weakness of the Freedom concept came several days after US intelligence sources said a \$1 hillioo American spy satellite, put into orbit last mooth by the space shuttle Atlantis, was likely to fall back into the Earth's atmosphere and disintegrate during the coming weeks. ● TOKYO: Japan yesterday joined of the early 1980s have been scaled America and the Soviet Union in

sending a spacecraft to the moon. making its mark in one of the few areas of modern technology it has not already mastered, and injecting a little more reality into a space programme that dreams of everything from growing food in zero gravity to a moon city with hotels (Joe Joseph writes).

Japan's football-sized satellite went into lucar orbit just after 5am Tokyo time, the first to visit the moon since an unmanned Soviet craft landed there in 1976. The Japanese craft was sent smoothly loto orbit as its parent. the Muses-A satellite that was launched from southern Japan on January 24, was oo its fifth orbit of the

News of the mission's success came just hours before Mr Alfred Shestakov. the mao in charge of Moscow's space programme, landed in Tokyo offering to sell Japanese companies advanced Soviet space development

### Parisian vice squad nets its leader during red light raid

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

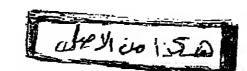
It was called "Operation Spring Cleaning", a meticuhigh-ranking officer from the same brigade, now retired, was also present. lously executed swoop by the Parisian vice squad on one of Both men face charges of

the capital's most notorious complicity in the provision of premises for use in prostin-tion", and although some observers here consider the With almost t00 officers of the Brigade de Répression du Proxenetisme on duty, the odds are against them standing trial, the compromising Rue Saint-Denis in the t0th arrondissement, was quickly sealed off and the arrest of circumstances in which they were picked up, and the events prostitutes, pimps and others suspected of involvement in that followed their arrest, threaten to open another can

of worms for the Paris police. Not the best of beginnings, for Mme Martine Monteil, who last year became the first woman to head what used to be known as the "Mondaine"

daine" behind him, Inspector Pommarède was considered by colleagues to be un flic modèle having survived a bout of cancer, he had been given a desk job co-ordinating the brigade's field operations. Shortly after he was detained, late last week, the Prescure of Paris announced that no administrative action would be taken against him.

The next day, however, the investigating magistrate an-nounced that charges had been brought against Inspector Pommarède and the retired policeman, M Raymond Pastean. It was announced yesterday that Inspector Pomof several unsavoury types. To division. With some 20 years marede has been suspended make matters worse, a former street service in the "Mon- from duty."



President Arnold Runtel of had been kept Mr Landsber-Estonia and Mr Indrek gis also confirmed that a Toome, the republic's Prime volunteer force was being Minister, were summoned to created to act as a form of Moscow yesterday for talks Customs. "We have received with President Gorbachov. It evidence that goods, equipis assumed they will be ment and even hard currency discussing the possibility that is being taken out of Lithus-Estonia, like Lithuania, will nia," he said. break with Moscow, first at party level and then by declar- was planning to register reing independence.

supreme soviet elections in maintain order, we will know Estonia on Sunday suggest that supporters of indepen-

The situation in Latvia is less clear but there, too, the made sweeping gains, and the Communist Party has split along ethnic lines. If Mr Gorbachov's strategy in reportedly issuing an ultimatum to Lithuania on Friday was to frighten voters in the other two Baltic republics, it seems to have failed.

ultimatum. The reply emphagood relations with Moscow and its wish to honour existing agreements, pending neg-otiations, but adhered firmly to the position that the coun-

try was now independent. Yesterday the Lithuanian delegation to Moscow told President Landsbergis that President Gorbachov had

elections despite widespread

allegations of electoral viola-

In the capital, Kiev, can-

didates of the Democratic

istered for the elections) have

won 15 out of 22 seats for the

All parliamentary seats in

The Democratic Bloc has

Lvov have fallen to the Demo-

also claimed control of the city

soviet in Kiev and in Lvov.

and reports that it has won 70

per cent of the 120 local

The outcome was not in

elections declared so far.

tions and ballot-rigging.

Ukrainian parliament.

He said the Government servists, "so that in the event Preliminary results from the of danger, if we need people to where to find them".

Vilnius was calm yesterday, dence may gain a two-thirds with no continuation of Sunmajority in the Estonian day's overflights by military aircraft. Few people think military intervention likely, though there is considerable Popular Front appears to have concern about the possible behaviour of the Russian and Polish minorities.

In Estonia, a congress of the Communist Party on Friday is expected to lead to a majority of the party declaring its independence of the Soviet Communist Party.

This could lead to a simple Earlier yesterday he had not yet officially received Lithus-nia's reply to his message, Russians — remaining with which he denied was an Moscow Rivalry in the Estonian Communist leadership sized Lithuania's desire for could also lead to a three-way split, with Mr Runtel continuing to lead an "Estonian Communist Party", while Mr Toome transforms his "Association of Free Estonians" into a new party with a social democratic ideology. Mr Ruutel and Mr Toome

may hope that the personal President Gorbachov had been unable to meet them, and the Supreme Soviet had refused to accept their message for discussion.

Last night President Landsbergs and refused to have won by large bergis said Mr Gorbachov had

Nationalist groups make

big poll gains in Ukraine

Nationalists in the Ukraine, stronghold of the nationalist nearly all the one-third of 450

party leader, Mr Vladimir Ivashko, only secured election because 12,000 troops had recently been drafted in to

vote for him, while 5,000

The secretariat of Rukh has

made a bitter complaint about

use of military units to paste

up "slanderous" posters against Democratic candid-

ates and to distribute leaflets

in favour of the party

intimidation and illegal prac-tices" have been made in the

Allegations of "falsification,

the most important Soviet movement, but Kiev is crucial

republic outside Russia, have to the maintenance of Com-scored notable victories in munist Party control. Rukh

scored notable victories in munist Party control. Rukh Sunday's second round of claims that the Ukrainian

Bloc, an alliance formed by troops had been moved into

the nationalist movement the district won by the Soviet Rukh (which was not reg-

apparatus.

doubt in the western Ukraine, Democratic Bloc will win in round.

city of Kharkov.

Edgar Savisaar, his Economics Minister, who resigned from the party in January and has the confidence of radical

Dr Savisaar has been a strong supporter of the Estonian congress. The support given to this congress by a majority of ethnic Estonians in elections last month means that its leaders hope to estab-lish a form of "joint legislature" between it and the new supreme soviet.

The Estonian Popular Front already claims to have won 25 constituencies in the Estonian parliament. It says another 10 seats went to Communist Party members who support independence, and the remaining 15 to candidates of Interfront, the Soviet loyalist movement. If the remaining 55 results continue this trend. there will be a two-thirds majority in favour of

Although immigration under Soviet rule has made non-Estonians almost 40 per cent of the republic's popula-tion, the balance has been tilted in favour of the indigenous population by a law disqualifying as voters all those who have lived in Estonia for less than five

In Latvia, moves towards independence have been slowed by the fact that non-Latvians make up almost half the population. The Popular Front however is claiming to have won 120 out of 170 seats decided in the first round of elections. Thirty-one will re-quire second-round elections. One feature of the elections

has been the extinction of the Latvian Communist Party as made an appointment to see ever, observers now give the an independent force and, the delegation in the after-chances as even that Mr probably, as an effective party noon. He did not know if it Toome will be replaced by Dr of government.

parliamentary seats it was

permitted to contest, the

Communist Party apparatus

will win about a quarter of the seats, mainly from rural constituencies where it has

tight control, with the remain-der going to reformist Com-

The turn-out in Moscow on

Sunday was generally about 5

round of local and republic-

level elections held two weeks

Although full results will

not be available for the Rus-

sian Federation for another

week, because of the distances

involved, preliminary results

from Moscow suggest that the reformers standing with the

support of the Democratic

Bloc capitalised on their good

Rukh expects that the performance in the first

per cent lower than in the first

munists and independents.

### Ceausescu's top aides win appeal delay



Heads shaven and wearing prison month. The fourth man was Mr garb — they wore business suits at their original trial — Mr Emil Bobu, conferring with his lawyer, right, Mr Manea Manescu, left, and Mr Ion Dinca, three of the four top aides of Nicolae Ceausescu, the executed Romanian dictator, in Bucharest yesterday after being granted a one-month period in which to prepare their appeal against life sentences for complicity in genocide imposed last

Tudor Posteinicu. They won the stay of appeal after arguing that their conviction had no basis in international law (Reuter reports). The four, sentenced for their part in trying to crush Romania's December revolution, argued through their lawyers that, although genocide was an internationally recognized crime, it did not apply to them. "Political massacres

Mr Virgil Rata, the lawyer for Mr Posteinicu, the former Interior Minister and head of the Securitate, told the court, adding: "We cannot create a law ourselves and just forget international law." The men's lawyers said they had tried without success to collect documentary evidence defining the term genocide from the English, French and American libraries in Bucharest, but Mr Rata said even the massacre of 30,000 com-

munists after an abortive coup in Indonesia in 1965 had not been considered genocide. "After that happened, no state called it genocide, Political facts and political massacres cannot be characterized as genocide. he said. The lawyers have until April 23 to produce documentary evidence of their claim. The four convicted men will remain in detention until then. They all pleaded guilty to the genocide charge at their original trial.

### Wallenberg 'was double agent'

tens of thousands of Hungar-decided early on to save as ian Jews from the gas chamber many Jews from the Nazi during the last months of the extermination camps as he Second World War, was a could. double-agent working for American and German intelligence, according to his closest Hungarian collaborator.

enberg in his rescue mission, broke his silence not to cast aspersions on his friend but "to put the record straight".

In an interview with Budapest Radio he said that he could not contribute to the attempts to solve the "Wallattempts to solve the "Wallenberg mystery" earlier owing
to the Soviet decision, after
20,000 lives, Mr Hertelendy Wallenberg's arrest by the said.

NKVD in January 1945, to While Mr Hertelendy could

Mr Hertelendy has shed of the Soviet NKVD after the fresh light on Wallenberg without detracting from his courage and heroism. Wallenberg, Mr Hertelendy recalled, was not a career Vladimir Perezhkov said that Legation in Budapest by the Swedish Government at the request of the American War Refugee Board and the World

working for US intelligence. His original brief was to the Soviet an save some 400 to 500 Jews always denied.

Raoul Wallenberg, the late "with family or business links Swedish diplomat who saved to Sweden". But Wallenberg

Mr Heterlendy said Wallenberg was also working for German intelligence. "In exchange for (American) infor-Mr Laszio Hertelendy, an mation", he was allowed with octogenarian Hungarian Eichmann's knowlege to save nobleman who assisted Wall-the lives of Jews in a "kind of quid pro quo".

Thus he managed to hand ont, with Mr Hertelendy's assistance, Swedish passports to Jews and took them to Swedish-protected houses in the Hungarian capital. By

"surround me with a wall of not shed new light on silence". Wallenberg's fate in the hands

diplomat. He was appointed Wallenberg died in Lubyanka First Secretary to the Swedish prison in July 1947.

But according to journalists of Komsomolskaya Pravda, several Soviet bit-players in the Wallenberg drama are Jewish Congress. Unbeknown alive and well and eager to to Stockholm, he was also talk. There is also Army talk. There is also Army Archive material, something the Soviet authorities have

TOURNAMENT

OF THE MIND

### European conservatives back Budapest scholar

By Ernest Beck in Budapest and Daniel Treisman

landslide victory of East and which has been rising Germany's moderate right, a inexorably in the polls with leading Hungarian centre- the promise of a rapid transileading Hungarian centreright politician met Mrs Mar- tion to democracy and free garet Thatcher in London enterprise. yesterday to discuss the pros-pects for a right-wing victory in his own country.

Dr Jozsef Antall, a mildmannered museum director who heads the Hungarian Democratic Forum (HDF), is the focus of hopes for moderate conservatives across the continent. Six days before the Hungarian election, his party faces the challenge of carrying the Christian Democratic tidal wave forward.

The prospect has not eswho provided the medical historian with a Volkswagen Golf to carry him between all weighed in in support.

Antall will give credibility to the message of Christian Democracy, already emerging as a contradict of ill the distanced itself from the unpublications of the contradict of Eastern Europe.

The main issue will be the country's economic future. High inflation, a foreign debt of nearly \$21 billion (£13 billion), and record budget and trade deficits, threaten an economic crisis, while the population is hungry for the material fruits of their new political freedoms. With the right-wing con-

founding Germany's pollsters

by its spectacular success, Dr Antall seemed to edge towards a more radical economic apcaped Herr Helmut Kohl, the proach at a press conference West German Chancellor, yesterday in London, before favoured privatization party, in w People's Party, the US Repub- "within a few years", and licans and Mrs Thatcher have insisted upon an "unequivoall weighed in in support. cal market economy". He
If he wins on Sunday, Dr added there could be no "third

political and ideological vac-bridled free market liberalism won in Hungary num left behind by the col-of the Alliance of Free Demo-elections in 1945. large of communism in crats. It has said it would If he loses, it is likely to be to level of privatization of state wards the Forum, the party the more radical free-market- firms, from the current 90 per could emerge as the leader of a

Less than 24 hours after the tuals and former dissidents, from a centrally planned to a market economy. The Forum is running al-

most neck-and-neck with the Alliance of Free Democrats. The latest polls, released at the weekend before a ban on publishing them went into effect, showed the HDF one per cent ahead, with 21 per cent of the vote.

Founded by writers and rural intellectuals in 1987, the party sees itself as a "peaceful power", combining Christian. liberal, and populist strands, and models itself on West Germany's Christian Democratic Union. Its greatest following is among the provincial middle class in small and medium-sized

going on to talks with Mrs
Thatcher and other governDr Antall faces greatest oppoment officials. He said he sition from the Smallholders were active members before the party was forced underground. The party, which promises to reverse the communists' expropriations and return rural land to its pre-In the past, the Forum has 1947 owners, is remembered distanced itself from the unfor the 57 per cent landslide it won in Hungary's last free

With one quarter of unimpose strict limits on the decided voters leaning toeers of the Alliance of Free cent to 30 per cent and that it grand, centre-right coalition Democrats, whose power base wants an expensive "social with Dr Antall as head of consists of Budapest intellectual cushion" to ease the transition government.

## The Blunt Truth



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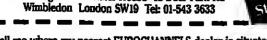
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### Albania hints of tolerance

By Daniel Treisman

Hints of a softening of Albania's strict policy against religion are emerging in Europe's last bastion of orthodox Communism, according to four British Muslim missionaries who recently returned from the country.

The delegation from the Markaji Mosque in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, attracted sympathetic crowds when they conducted prayers in provincial towns during a nine-day visit with a tourist group.

Though customs officials confiscated most of their Korans and prayer beads when they crossed the border from Yugoslavia, the four Sunni missinnaries were not stopped when they held prayers in the street and were welcomed with traditional Muslim greetings from Albanians, some openly wearing prayer beads with little apparent fear.

A Western diplomat in Tirana said the Government now also turned a blind eye to the practice of religion in private homes.

The group, led by Mr Yakub Vali, was the 12th delegation from the Yorkshire mosque in eight years. Previous groups had always faced more interference from the authorities, and met with a more timid response from local Muslims.

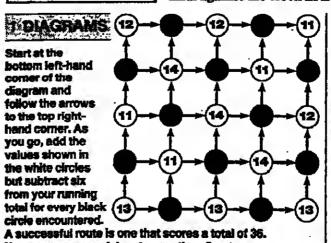
The apparent easing up follows minor reforms enacted by the country's leader Mr Ramiz Alia at the roling People's Labour Party plenum in January. Western dip-lomats in Tirana believe the softening reflects Mr Alia's growing fear of isolation.



## Tournament of the Mind

Round 13 of The Times Tournament of the Mind is the next step on your way to winning £5,000. Mensa set the puzzles to test your word power, numeracy, logic and general knowledge.

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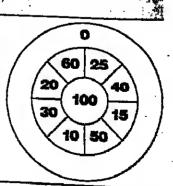
the following words to create four new words? BATE BET TON YON

3-MATHS

Four cog wheels are in constant mesh. The largest cog has 350 teeth, the next in size has 250 teeth, the next in size has 150 teeth and the smallest has 50 teeth. If the cogs start to revolve, how many complete revolutions will the largest cog need to make before all the cogs are back in the same position?

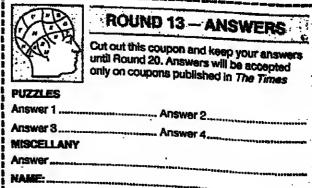
#### 4 LOGIC This diagram represents an unconventional dartboard. The object is to score 120 using three darts. Each dart

must hit the board and score a numeric value. By following these rules, how many different ways are there of scoring 120?



#### MISCELLANY

Who appeared in, and wrote, the screenplay for What's New, Pussycat? in 1965?



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### THE EAST GERMAN ELECTION

#### **IMPLICATIONS FOR MONETARY UNION**

### Delors presses Bonn to consult EC before currency changes

M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, warned West Germany yesterday that it would have to consult its Community partners before pressing ahead with monetary union with East Germany.

He also called on Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, to make a political gesture to reassure the EC of his continued commitment to European integration. He said his message to him after the Christian Democrats' victory in East Germany was: "Congratulations, but don't forget Europe."

Speaking on French radio, M Delors

said the Chancellor did not have a free hand in determining the reunification process. Monetary union would not be easy, and West Germany would have to negotiate with its partners on East German adhesion to the Community.

"Some time will be necessary to change the legislative system, establish a true fiscal system, markets, a state budget and a banking and financial system in East Germany." he said. "This transition system cannot be completed without consultations and the agreement the other 11 partners in the

Herr Kohl will discuss all this with M Delors here on Friday. Hinting at the plain talking that might dominate the encounter, M Delors said: "The difficult times have begun. We have to discuss this, not just to pour cold water on the Germans' joy, but simply because East Germany is a special case."

On Saturday M Delors will meet Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the Prime Minister of Saarland and Social Democratic candidate against Herr Kohl in December's general election. M Delors said his message for him was: "Patience, there is still work to be done."

He did not doubt Herr Kohl's commitment to Europe. But he added: "I see worry and frustration in other countries. And so Chancellor Kohl must make a political gesture showing or confirming the full engagement of the Federal Republic in the building of as a result of reunification. It said there Europe, and especially in the political would be an improved trade balance union of Europe."

East Germany's entry into the EC would have to be treated like the accession of a new member. It was difficult to arrange its quick entry without a frontier and Bonn would have

to discuss this with the other members. The European Commission's German affairs unit will now begin intensified consultations with Bonn as the German monetary union talks start in earnest.

Mr Hennig Christophersen, the budget commissioner and one of the five-man task force of commissioners, has presented a report which forecasts a growth rate of 0.05 per cent to the Community between Germany and the EC, as the Federal Republie's surplus would be reduced and exports by other EC members to a unified Germany would

The report will be submitted to a meeting of EC foreign ministers on April 21 and then to the summit meeting on Germany in Dublin on April 28.

M Delors has forecast that EC expenditure in such fields as agriculture and regional policy would increase by up to £1.3 billion with East Germany's inclusion in the EC. The cost is still lower than admitting East Germany as a

at Nato over the East German election, which appeared to endorse a role under the treaty. Talks on the military status of East Germany are set to dominate the discussions between the four former wartime allies and the two Germanies, and Nato is being very careful not to

prejudge their outcome. The Western European Union, which groups seven of the European Nato allies, is to hold an extraordinary twoday session on unification in Luxembourg, beginning on Thursday.Mr Krzystof Skubiszewski, the Polish foreign minister, will also take part.

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#### THE WINNERS AND LOSERS

### Kohl maps out new order in Europe

From Ian Murray, Bonn

election campaign, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday mapped out the future of a new peace order in Europe in which a united Germany was clearly meant to play a very im-

portant role. Europe (CSCE), he sought to reassure delegates from 35 nations that a united Germany would be a force for peace and stability in a chang-

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He looked shead to a Euro-pean federation which would follow Germany's example by seeking union where there was

Europe is emerging in which

The Chancellor sought to inside the Community. reassure the delegates - from every European country except Albania, plus the United there was nothing to fear from German unity. "Nowhere longer than in divided Gereconomic zone, binding to-many," he said. "Nowhere, gether and governed by the however, is the hope of a rules of the market place." peaceful, united Europe stron-

Looking shead, he promised "immediate" talks with the new East German Governland that its present borders

Boosted by his personal tri-umph in the East German the same time he pressed for the same time he pressed for more arms control and disarmamament, backed by credible verification systems.

In a clear reference to Mrs Thatcher's well-known pos-ition, he said that West Germany had been building the EC for nearly 40 years now In a keynote speech to a and had abandoned total sovsession on economic co-opera-ereignty, particularly in the tion of the Conference on economic area. Now it was security and Co-operation in ready for further integration, especially on parliamentary accountability.

The Treaty of Rome, he said, had left the door open for future East German membership and a united Germany

"Our political goal remains" to hasten European inte-"We are at a historical gration as fast as possible," he turning point," he said. "A said. The aim of opening up said. The aim of opening up the EC's frontiers by the end old and new democracies are of 1992 and of achieving coming together. As ideologi- economic and monetary cal and political antagonism is union remained. The "growovercome there is a growing awareness of common ground in Europe."

ing to gether of the Germanies" would actually give an added boost to growth

This idea was backed by Herr Helmut Hausmann, the West German Economics States and Canada - that Minister, in his speech to the session, "We have a great chance to map out a future have the scars of the Second built oo free markets. The World War stayed visible for future belongs to a European built oo free markets. The

Herr Kohl, encouraging ser than here in Germany. delegates to the special ses-Now we must use all our sion, said that the CSCE strength to overcome both process had a special role to pean peace order.
"We have the historie

opportunity to change the ment on every subject to history of Europe," Herr Kohl discuss concrete steps for said confidently. "The Eurounity and satisfy the will of the pean Confederation, of which people to build "a united, President Mitterrand has al-peaceful democratic and just ready spoken, which all the society." He insisted that states of our Continent jointly there would be no attempt to administer for exchanges, rush anyone into unity. He peace and security, can really repeated his assurance to Pohappen — if we want it to." The Chancellor's speech

seemed to foreshadow the He said firmly that, in the arrival of a united Germany at interests of peace and stability, the world's top policy-making a united Germany must not be and negotiating tables.

Consolation for

SPD in Bavaria

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

While licking the wounds licans, while winning seats for inflicted on their sister party the first time on some coun-

in East Germany yesterday, the West German Social through needed to maintain Democrats (SPD) were able to

end. At the same time the who is spokesman for the

radical right-wing Repub- Bonn Government.

Herr Lothar de Maizière, left, and Herr Rainer Eppelmann, discussing their priorities at a press conference in East Berlin.

#### THE LINE UP IN EAST GERMANY'S Alliance for Germany: **NEW PARLIAMENT** Democratic German Social Union 25 seats Christian Democratic Union Party of Democratic Alliance of Free Democrats: Democratic 21 seats National Democratic Party: United Left: Alternative Democratic German Women's League

Party	Votes	%	Seats
Alliance for Germany (conservative coalition of): Christian Democratic Union (CDU) German Social Union (DSU) Democratic Awakening (DA)	5,524,647 4,694,636 724,780 105,251	48.14 (40.91) (6.32) (0.92)	193 (164) (25) (4)
Social Democratic Party (SPD)	2,506,151	21.84	87
Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) (communist)	1,873,666	16.33	65
Alliance of Free Democrats (Liberal alliance of German Forum Party (DFP), Liberal D Party (FDP))	606,283 emocratic Party (LD	5.28 P) and Free D	21 emocratio

PROVISIONAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR EAST GERMANY

Democrats (SPD) were ahie to draw some comfort from their	their challenge to seats in the Bundestag elections next December. Their anonymous	Alliance of Free Democrats (Liberal alliance of German Forum Party (DFP), Liberal Democraty (FDP))	eratic Party (LDP)	and Free Demo	cratic
results in the first round of the Bavarian local elections.	spokesman nevertheless put a	Alliance 90 (Left-wing coalition of New Forum, Democracy Now and Pea	333,005 ice & Human Rigi	2.90 hts Initiative)	12
The campaign resulted in a turnout of 75 per cent of	elaiming that the Republicans	Democratic Farmars Party (DBD)	250,943	2.19	9
Bavaria's 8.5 million voters.	had become the third stron- gest political force in Bavaria.	Green Party and Independent Women's League	225,234	1.96	9
The complicated proportional representation system, how-	The CSU, relishing the suc-	National Democratic Party (NDPD)	44,435	0.39	2
ever, makes it impossible to	cess of the right in East	Democratic German Women's League (DFD)	38,088	0.33	1
judge party support accurately	Germany, remained un- ruffled. Herr Max Streibi, the	Action Alliance United Left (AVL)	20,180	0.18	
until after the second round on April 1.	Bavarian prime minister, said	Alternative Youth List (AJL)	14,573	0.13	1
Nevertheless the SPD managed to dent the traditional strength of the Christian Social Union (CSU), even in country areas where there is usually little support for the left. Herr Rudolf Schoffberger, the SDT?	there was no reason to fear that the CSU would lose its majority during the Lander elections in October.  The SPD scored their most convincing win in Munich, where their candidate, Herr Georg Kronawitter, the present mayor, trounced his CSU rival, Herr Hans Klein, who is spokesman for the	Christian League German Communist Party (KPD) European Federalist Party (EFP) Independent Social Democratic Party (USPD) Independent People's Party (UVP) German Beerdrinkers Union (DBU) Unity Now German Spartacist Workers Party (SPAD) League of Socialist Workers (BSA/Trotskyite) Union of Work Groups for Workers Policy and Democracy (VAA) European Union of East Germany	10,699 8,836 3,690 3,891 2,999 2,534 2,356 2,396 374 373 n/a n/a	0.09 0.08 0.03 0.03 0.03 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0 0 n/a	
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#### **ELECTION IN WEST GERMANY**

### Saarland radical to challenge buoyant Chancellor

From Ian Murray Bonn

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Herr Oskar Lafontaine bravely agreed yesterday to stand against a supremely confident Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, as the leading Social Democratic candidate in the West German general election next December.

Flushed with the success in Sunday's election of the East German Alliance he formed and inspired. Herr Kohl yesterday was already thinking well beyond his contest with

the radical Saarland Prime Minister. Almost taking the December result for granted, he seemed certain that he would realize his ambition to be the first Chancellor of a reunited Ger-

many. The victory in East Germany by his Alliance, he announced after a happy strategy session of his Christian Democrats (CDU), would be followed by victory in the first elections of a united Germany. These would probably be held next year.

Herr Kohl said the "admirable" victory of the Alliance for Germany parties showed that the voters had already decided that reunification would lead to a structural alteration of the German political landscape. He said he would advise the Alliance leaders to include SPD representatives in their coalition Government in order to tackle the huge

problems of East Germany. aware of these problems than the

Chancellor, and he is clearly looking too, that a rapid reunification process to them to destroy the CDU's strength between now and December. During the last week of the campaign, he said. the Chancellor had given the impression that a vote for the CDU would be a vote for "the quick Deutschmark". People's expectations were now immensely high and there would be enormous disillusionment which would undermine the CDU's

Herr Lafontaine spoke of the need for a "cautious" transition period. Unlike Herr Kohi he did not support the idea of a one-for-one conversion rate for Ostmarks into Deutschmarks for savers. The consequences of that, Herr Lafontaine seemed even more he said, would fuel inflation and undermine the economy. He was sure,

threatened to create unemployment. "The Chancellor must either break his promises here or in East Ger-

many," he said. Herr Lafontaine has put his finger on the problem which Herr Kohl must solve - that of finding quick money to improve living standards in East Germany without raising taxes in the West. The acid test will be whether he can stop the flow of East Germans

coming West. Improving living standards will need money, which Herr Kohl had refused to give until a freely elected East German Government was in place, ready to create a free-market economy in which West German opinion polls last week, they industry would be prepared to invest. also took it stealthily.

### **CELEBRATIONS** peer ioi the left sweetens

From Anne McElvoy East Berlin

defeat

The beaming faces of the Communist Party supporters downing celebration beers at the newly jazzed-up head-quarters on the Marx-Engels Platz in the early hours of yesterday morning looked incongruous with the national voting tables behind them.

When in the dawn light it was finally announced that the conservative Alliance for Germany had won a landslide victory, someone yelled out "make Berlin a red island" to loud eheers and calls for yet more beers.

East Berlin might as well be cut off by water from the provinces it governed for 40 years for the extent to which it bucked the national trend, yielding a mirror image of the results in the rest of East

Germany. Here the Social Democrats gained 35 per cent with the renamed, reformed and selfconfident communist party just 5 per cent behind while the Christian Democrats had their worst showing with only 18 per cent of the vote compared with a national average of 41 per cent.

Since the division of the country, Berlin has always been described in both Germanies as "different". Both West and East Berlin are more bohemian, more left-wing than that the metropolises of Munich or Leipzig. The cultural heroes up here remain Brecht, Tucholsky and Lotte Lenya; down there they prefer the less radical strains of Goethe, Bach and Volksmusik.

The historical character of Berlin was both perverted and intensified in the East by the communist tenet of democratic centralism which made East Berlin a bastion for the servants of the system.

East Berlin's result reflects what the vast majority of pollsters, politicians and commentators thought would happen nationally. In the event is was an aberration, not a trend-

The false authority of the socialist capital was shown as impotent; the provinces took their revenge gleefully. Judg-ing by the discrepancy with

**ROAD TO REUNIFICATION** 

### The favoured 'express route' is opened up

dominance of the Christian Democrats in the freely elected East German Government means that reunification will now come about by the "express route" allowed by the West German Basic Law.

It is the way favoured by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, who will certainly now be irresistible in advising, prompting and encouraging the new Govern-ment to follow it.

The Basic Law itself has served as West Germany's Constitution and the date of its confirmation by the Par-liamentary Council in May, 1949, is celebrated as the anniversary of the founding of the Federal Republic. The idea was that the Basic Law would lay the foundations of a stable democracy capable of withstanding the pressures which had led to the decline of the Weimar Republic and the emergence of the Nazis.

At the same time it was to be merely a stop-gap measure, designed to last until such time as reunification allowed all the German people to have their own constitution.

The preamble to the Basic Law makes this clear. "The German People ... conscious of their responsibility before cellor of the time, Konrad God and men, animated by the resolve to preserve their national and political unity united Europe, desiring to give enacted, by virtue of their travelled with him. constituent power, this Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany.

They have also acted on and concerned at the danger of behalf of those Germans to whom participation was de-nied. The entire German people are called upon to achieve in free self-determination the unity and freedom

of Germany." This preamble has been at the heart of the argument over recognizing the Polish fron-tier. Among those Germans to whom participation was denied" are those still living in the areas east of the Oder-Neisse rivers and who of Germany" before the "transitional period" is over.

While gathering in the people of East Germany, therefore, Herr Kohl has had to accept that the rest of the in 1949 to achieve unity Soviet troops on it will be through self-determination. difficult.

From Ian Murray, Bonn The unexpected but clear He must be content with just absorbing East Germany. In essence the route to be followed makes use of two simple articles in the Basie

> what area is covered by it and the other, how long it is valid. Article 23 provides the means for the quickest takeover. This says that "for the time being" the Basic Law applies to the list of Lander which had adopted it. The key phrase follows: "In other parts of Germany it shall be put into

Law, one of which sets out

force on their accession." This is an open invitation, therefore, for the people of any territory to accede to the Basic Law. By their massive vote on Sunday in support of the many parties which favour reunification, the people of East Germany clearly chose a government — and an opposition - which want to accede,

The same route was followed by the people of Saarland, who voted in 1955 for union. Nevertheless, the complexity of absorbing one more Land then required lengthy negotiations. It was about 14 months after the vote for union that Saarland became part of West Germany and even then there was some local hostility when the Chan-

Adenauer, went to Saarbrucken to mark the occasion. "He could hardly bave felt much triumon in the coo world as an equal partner in a reception he was given, touched at times with signs of a new order to political life for resentment," wrote The a transitional period, have Times correspondent who people were worried about losing the benefits of the French social security system

> taking over the country. Similar issues will have to be negotiated now between the two Germanies. Before the Volkskammer (parliament) applies to accede, the Governments will have to reach agreement on how such basic matters as pension rights, unemployment benefits and labour law will operate.

big West German industry

Another important issue which must be resolved concerns property rights. If the according to the Basie Law - Basic Law is simply adopted should still be allowed "to in East Germany, West Gerachieve in free self-determ- man citizens with family ination the unity and freedom property or land in the East will be able to claim back property used by East German families for decades.

International issues also have to be addressed. Resolving the question of Nato world will not permit all the membership, of the status of Germans denied participation East German territory and of

#### **EUROPEAN SECURITY**

### Nato membership is stumbling block

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Soviet Union faces a any country's right to selfbe a member of Nato.

Within the Warsaw Pact and Nato there is general agreement that a new European security framework will have to be worked out but, in the transitional period, while the two military alliances still exist, Moscow says it cannot accept that a unified Germany in Nato would be in its security interests.

It was clear from the meeting of Warsaw Pact foreign ministers in Prague at the weekend that Moscow is not prepared to compromise until an agreement has been reached to reduce West

Germany's military strength. Moscow wants the Bundeswehr cut down to size and is obviously playing the neutrality card as a negotiating ploy

to that end.

serious dilemma now that it determination, but in Germahas become clear that even its ny's case it has to be allies support the West's view conditional. Its allies agree that a unified Germany must hut not if the condition is German neutrality. For the West, Germany's

membership of Nato is not negotiable. Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, has made this clear to President Gorbachov, and Washington and London have echoed his message. Mr Gorbachov, however,

has a problem. He cannot accept this position without a fight, even though he must realize that it is the only practical solution during the reshaping of Europe. BONN: The next round of

"two plus four" talks between the Germanies and the Second World War Allies will take place in East Berlin, prohably before the end of the month (Ian Murray writes). From now on the Soviet Union will be alone in expressing any Moscow would like to be objection to a united Gerseen as a fervent supporter of many remaining in Nato.

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## Worldwide net of art crime

The £130m haul from a Boston gallery has highlighted a growing worldwide problem, David Sapsted reports

he weekend's £130 mil-lion theft from the Gardner Museum in Boston sent a ripple of fear yesterday through an arts world already struggling to come to terms with the increasing involvement of international syndicates in such robberies.

Io the past decade, the number of arts thefts worldwide has trebled, while the elear-up and recovery rate has fallen from 22 per cent to just 5 per cent, according to the International Foundation of Art Research in New York.

"Arts thefts are becoming an enormous problem. I worry every time I leave the gallery at night," says Dr Christopher White, director of the Ashmolean Museum,

The extent of the problem was illustrated by Scotland Yard's decision last year to revive its arts and antiques squad. Dealers had been so concerned about its abolition that they offered to pay for its re-introduction themselves.

The annual value of the market in stolen works of arts is put conservatively at a minimum of £250 million, although the figure is rendered meaningless because auction prices are constantly set-

ting new records. The thefts usually receive little publicity because the most common targets are lesser works. The market io both legitimate and stolen works is oow so large that most pieces can be moved internationally through legal channels because dealers, museums and galleries are unable to keep track of what has or has not been stolen.

Even major works can slip through; a statue of Aphrodite from the 5th century BC which now graces the Getty Museum in Malibu, California, is believed by the Italians to have been stolen in Sicily and shipped in pieces by the

Mafia. The Gardner Museum theft falls into a quite different category, however. The haul, especially the Vermeer and two Rembrandts, is so well known that it would be impossible to sell openly. This raises the possibility of either a steal-to-order assignmeot for an obsessed, billionaire collector or (more likely, according to sources io Britain yesterday) an exercise in insurance extortion.

All the Boston works were insured and thieves operate on the. principle that insurers would prefer to pay 10 per cent to have the paiotings "recovered" rather than

meet the full cost of the loss.

The idea of wealthy private collectors prepared to commission thefts is a popular scenario for novelists and movie-makers but it is almost impossible to prove.

Det Sgt Anthony Russell, a member of the arts and antiques squad at Scotland Yard, said: "If it was local criminals, they will realize straight away that these pictures are unsaleable. They are so well known. If it was a contract job, the police will be dealing with something quite different.

"Pictures can go underground for years. They would never appear on the open market because they would be recognized, so they are sold privately. They pass through various hands on the black market until they find a home with a fervent collector. When these people see a picture they want, they go after it, come what may. They want it for themselves and nothing else matters."

Nevertheless, Interpol, which coordinates the European-wide search for stolen works, believes that Zurich "gnomes" and South American drugs barons could have their share of major works that have disappeared in recent

It is the increasing involvement





Two of the stolen paintings from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston: Rembrandt's "A Lady and A Gentleman in Black" and Vermeer's masterwork "The Concert'

of crime syndicates that most bothers police. The French authorities, for example, still believe a gang with links to international criminals based in Japan carried out the theft of nine Impressionist masterpieces, including five Monets and a Renoir, from the Marmottan Mu-

seum in Paris five years ago. Other robberies obviously had oo buyer in mind. The remains of the £30 million-plus theft in 1986 from the collection of Sir-Alfred Beit, in County Wicklow, in the Republic of Ireland, are still believed to be in Dublin. One man recently receiving a two-year sentence for trying to sell some of the pictures to a Londoo art dealer.

A total of 17 paintings, including ooes by Goya, Velazquez and Vermeer, were taken in that raid, but six were recovered sooo afterwards and a seventh, by the 17th Century Dutch paioter Gabriel Messu, was found in Turkey last month. The attempted Turkish sale is being linked with the Ulster Volunteer Force, the North Ireland paramilitary organization.

Terrorists and their supporters have been behind other famous thefts. The Times was used as a

medium for messages when, in 1974, IRA sympathizers stole Vermeer's "The Guitar Player". It was eventually recovered in a

Londoo churchyard.

Mntives for thefts have differed enormously. The unemployed truck driver coovicted after the disappearance in 1961 of Goya's Duke of Wellingtoo" from the National Gallery (recovered four years later) said he did it to protest the government's decision out to give pensioners free television

And in the most famous thief of them all, the Italian carpenter who stole Leonardo's Mona Lisa from the Louvre in 1911, said when he was caught that it was in revenge for Napoleon's rape of Italian art treasures, It later transpired that a South American businessman had sold six high-class reproductions of the work while it was missing to unscripulous American collec-

The record for the world's most stolen painting goes to Rembrandt's portrait of Jacoo van Gheyn, which disappeared from the Dulwich Picture Gallery in 1967, 1973, 1981 and for the very last time, one assumes, in-1983.

ermeer's "The Concert" appears to have been the real prize of

the world's largest art theft, the £130 million robbery from5 the Gardner Museum in Boston. Fewer than 40 Vermeers are known to exist, and none of them is in private hands, except for one in the Queen's collection. But the 17th-century Dutch master has been the target of many thefts.

His "The Guitar Player" was stolen from Kenwood House, Loodon, in 1974 but recovered, and "The Love Letter" was cut out of its frame while no loan in Belgium from Amsterdam.

"Woman Writing a Letter With -a Maid Servant" was stoleo twice from Russborough House, the Irish conorry seat of Sir Alfred Beit, the first time in 1974 by the IRA, and after its recovery again in 1986. It has been missing ever

"The Coocert", taken from Boston, is one of Vermeer's finest and best preserved works. Mr Franklin Robinson, an expert on Dutch paintings and director of the Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design, said: "It is oot just a Vermeer, it's a very good Vermeer from the 1660s, the high point of his work. No matter how many hundreds of millions you have got you cannot buy a Vermeer, so you commission someone to steal nne."

The thieves, who posed as police and bound and gagged security guards at the museum before dawn on Sunday, appeared to have a shopping list topped by the work, according to Mr Robin-

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is housed in a four-storey turn-of-the-century mansion, built in the style of a 15th-century Venetian palace. It displays 290 paintings and 2,000 other works collected by Mrs Gardner, an ecceotric Bostoo socialite who died in 1924, and is coosidered one of the best small collections io America.

The stolen works were takeo from two rooms oo the second floor, including the museum's

Dutch room, and from a first-floor gallery. The thieves bypassed the Italian works for which the collection is best known, including a Tinan called "Rape of Europa" which has been called "arguably

the greatest painting in America". "The Coocert" was acquired by Mrs Gardner at auction in Paris for \$6,000 (£3,700), using her favourite secret bidding technique of dropping a handkerchief.

 The works stoleo along with "The Coocert" were:

"A Lady and A Gentlemao in Black", "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee," and a self-portrait by Rembrandt, "Landscape with an Obelisk", by Govaert Flinck, another 17th-century Dutchman. "La Sortie du Pesage", "Cortège aux Environs de Florence", "Three Mounted Jockeys", "Program for an Artistic Soiree", and another, less complete work by Edgar Degas. "Chez Tortoni", by Edouard Manet. A Chinese bronze beaker from the Shang Dynasty, 1,200-1,100 BC.

**James Bone** 





**ALAN HAMILTON** 

Port Harcourt

his column being unavoidably detained in Nigeria, we shall briefly consider that country's proposal to return itself to full civilian rule by 1992. which I trust will end any attempts to have its ex-ministers smuggled out of Stansted Airport in boxes. President Ibrahim Babangida, who took power in the 1985 military coup and who has been a behindthe scenes string puller in every coup since General Gowon was toppled in 1975, is taking the transition seriously. Next week those eligible among the country's burgeoning 120 million population will be able to register, if they wish, as members of one of the two political parties Babangida has created the banned the original 13 political groupings which applied to become parties. on the grounds that they were merely old wine in new bottles). What Margaret, and Neil, and undoubtedly Paddy would envy is that he has provided funds for each of the two parties to open an office in each of the 480 constituencies, staffed by civil servants,

to act as recruiting centres.

Despite his military background, many Nigerians regard Babangida as the best politician they have ever had. "He is a clever general." runs the off-heard remark. "He keeps the troops busy even when there isn't a war." The eleverest thing of all is that he has done nothing to dispel the ill-founded rumour that parents will not be able to send their children to school unless they join one or other party. No wonder Tass news agency has appointed a professor of constitutional law as its correspondent in Lagos to observe how it's done.

o offended was the government here by some of the wilder excesses of conspicuous consumption during Nigeria's oil-boom years of the 1970s that it banned, among other delights, champagne. The ban remains, but conspicuous consumers are not so easily deterred. Much is smuggled over the border from Benin, and an ersaiz local variety is produced from kola nuts. it is passable, but much too sweet, rather like that English apple-based substance we know as Pomagne. Being one of the world's largest producers of cocoa. Nigeria is also trying to make a few nairas by turning some of it, improbably, into wine, The faint chocolate bouquet is almost as offputting as one of the leading brand names of dry white: Harmatian is a hot dusty wind that blows from the Suhara and simultaneously chokes the threat, stings the eyes and blurs the view.

O I enjoy the admonition beside the nosmoking signs on larges bases that "Preaching is prohibited". I gather that it predutes Mirs Thatcher's visit.



Merbinks be doth protest

igeria's foul civil war is a distant memory, but the secessionist Bi-afran leader. Lt-Col Emeka Ojukwu, is still alive and well and living in Lagos. He retired from active politics after standing for the federal senate in 1983, and losing, In common with all other tormer holders of political office - he was governor of the Eastern Region before attempting to break away - he is banned from standing for the new order of the third republic. But there is life in the old rebel yet. Like all retired politicians, he is writing his memoirs - and. although he is well into his fifties, he was recently photographed in the close company of last year's exceedingly pretty Miss Nigeria, who was not even born when the Biafran war began in 1967.

eing trapped in a Lagos traffic jam is a major hazard of Nigerian life. ltin-erant vendors who live on the central reservation descend on the imprisoned motorist and thrust their wares with indefatigable persistence through the car windows. During one trying 45-minute journey aeross town, this column was implored to purchase a television aerial, a doormat, three bunches of bananas, several shirts and T-shirts, a set of car-mirrors, an umbrella, numerous bags of nuts, a telephone, two ironing-boards, a pocket cal-culator, an inflatable globe, a Japanese microwave oven, and one dead chicken with its teathers on.

Robin Oakley sees Labour still having to struggle for a majority

### Hanging in the balance

in Mid-Staffordshire are re-peated on Thursday, Labour will sweep away a Conservative majority of 14.654 to emerge with a majority of 13,000 or and Crosby fell by more than 20 per cent in the early 1980s as the SDP/Liberal Alliance took off, yet they won the next two East in October 1933.

The swing of 13 per cent required for a bare Labour majority in Mid-Staffs is congeoeral elections with ease. As for the national poll stand-ings, the Tories' current low point in this Parliament - 34 per cent - compares favourably with the lows of 31 per cent in the 1983-87 Parliament and only 23 per cent in the 1979-83 Parliament. However, in those years, the votes were shared between three effective parties, not two. Certainly with today's highly volatile electorate, all govern-ments must expect violent polls of present voting intentions swings against them in midterm. Furthermore, arithmetically. Labour's task remains daunting. Mr Kinnock's party needs an election-time swing of 8.1 per cent to move into next election if repeated nationally, only to see Mrs Thateher government. The biggest swing achieved by any party in post-war years is 5 per cent, and the biggest previously achieved by Labour is 3 per cent.

Labour takes much comfort from the achievement of 1964, when a similar Tory majority of around 100 was overturned. But at the start of that Parliament in 1959, Labour had 258 seats in a smaller House of Commons of 630 and needed to capture only 58 for victory. At the 1987 general election, Labour had only 229 seats to the Conser-vatives 376 in a Parliament of 650 (with 45 representatives from other parties). To win an overall majority next time, it must take at least 93 seats from the Tories and four from the Liberal Democrats. That means winning not only marginal scats. but Tory strongholds in Home

Couoties suburbia.
The current poll ratings derive not from Labour's popularity. but from the unpopularity of the Government. At the last election. Labour finished in second place to the Conservatives in only t32 seats, while candidates from the Alliance were second in

226. If a desire to be rid of the Conservatives is the driving power behind many votes at the next election, it is questionable whether those in constituencies where Labour came third will identify the Labour candidate as the one to beat the Tory.

The Liberal Democrats are making no impact in national polls at the moment, but as the council election results demonstrated last year, they have a strong base in local government to which they have been able to retreat. That was what ensured Labour's failure to make a real breakthrough in the South and Midlands in last year's council elections, and the unnoticed story of the Mid-Staffs by-election polls is that the Liberal Democrats have seen off the Greens to emerge again in a clear

third place.
No one believes that Labour's lead will continue to be so great, and as it is reduced, other factors will come into play to com-

plicate the figures. The effect of a televised Parliament may be to help incumbent MPs, particularly those in minor parties, against their challengers. And whereas in the 1950s a 1 per cent swing from Conservative to Labour was enough to see 18 seats change hands, today it

would be only 10. Whether or not Labour can win the next election is one question; another is whether the Conservatives will lose it. What matters is whether Labour can achieve the 4.6 per cent swing from Conservative to Labour required to cause a loss of 52 Conservative seats and so of Mrs Thatcher's majority. What everybody seems to be forgetting, partly because we no longer have a strong force in the political centre talking about winning the balance of power, is that the odds are at present that we are heading towards a hung parliament. Virtually anything between a 3 per cent Conservarive lead in the polls and a 4 per cent Labour lead is likely to

deliver a hung parliament. How the parties would behave in such a situation will soon be the subject of anguished debate.
For the moment we know that
Mr Kinnock will insist on trying
to govern with a minority,
defying others to vote him down and stage another election, rather than doing a deal with the Liberal Democrats on proportional representation. But with the PR tide running strongly in Labour's ranks, second thoughts could be forced upon him.

We know that Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats

would not do a ocal to sustain in power a Tory government still led by Mrs Thatcher, but they have not ruled out co-operation with either major party on the right terms. We could see the Ulster Unionists gaining the whip hand over the future of the Anglo-Irish Agreement if their co-operation became vital to the maintenance of a Conservative government. And what would be the price of Scottish and Welsh Nationalist support? As the question of a hung parliament becomes live and the discussions begin, such complications may increase the reluciance to let go the hand of nurse.

## ommunism down but far from dead

big winner in the East German general elec-Democrats, in West as well as East Germany, the results were an unmitigated disaster. The view of much of the West German media - the result, perhaps, of wishful thinking that an emerging sense of East German national identity would scupper the Christian Democrats with their iosistence on rapid reunification, proved utterly wrong, in retrospect it was absurd to expect Easl Germans to take pride in their corrupt and oppressive country.
A weekend is a long time in

les governments have faced such a battery
of unfavourable opinion

of unfavourable opinion polls as Mrs Thatcher's team faces now. If the current figures

more. This would represent the

biggest by-election swing from Tory to Labour since Fulham

siderably more than the 8.1 per cent swing which Labour needs

to win the next general election.

And no government has ever recovered from a 20 per cent

delicit in the national polls to

win outright the subsequent general election. The national

at the next election show Labour

with a 20.5 per cent lead, but

Tories scratching for crumbs of comfort can find some.

Labour won the Fulham by-

election in 1986 on a swing

sufficient to give it victory at the

win in 1987 with a majority of 100. The Tories' share of the

vote at Warrington, Croydon

politics. Suddenly the days when the East Germao SPD was coasting to victory and Oskar Lafontaine, the West German Social Democratic candidate for the chancellorship, was well ahead of Mr Kohl in the opinion polls have vanished like a mirage. The prospect of a general election throughout Germany in December icoms, overshadow-

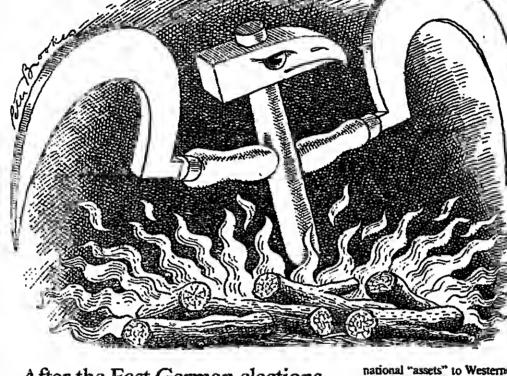
og the SPD's jaunty optimism. The Social Democrats have a further problem: the better than expected showing of the communists. Gregor Gysi must have leared that the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), the lineal descendant of the old Communist Party which he has led since December, was heading for catastrophe. In the event, it emerged with 16 per cent of the vole. In East Berlin, the PDS was only 5 per cent behind the SPD's 35 per cent.

Already Gysi has announced that his party will be the "con-science" of the new united Germany. If the PDS can hold on to most of its voters in what was once the GDR and pick up 2 or 3 per cent in the old Federal Republic, it will be a viable leftwing alternative to the SPD with seats in the Bundestag and the whip hand over the party of Brandi and Lafontaine, who will need its support to have any

chance of forming a government. But Lafontaine will also need the votes of the Greens. To embrace them and a party staffed by ex-communists at the same time will surely be deadly to a candidate who needs to garner the support of the middle ground of German politics.

Neil Kinnock, who met Gysi in East Berlin soon after he replaced the wolfish but wooden Egon Krenz, thought him like "one of us". but insofar as Gysi is recognizably a Western poly-Marxist, he is also a vote-loser to any genuinely social democratic

The significance of Sunday's election goes beyond the implications for Germany East and West. For the first time, the people of a socialist state have had the chance to retain some form of socialism or adopt a market economy. The great majority opted for union with their rich Western brothers, but at least 16 per cent chose not to. Support for the PDS must have been based on the apparatchiks, the police and other beneficiaries of the old regime, but clearly it went further. Some



#### After the East German elections, Mark Almond finds the economic certainties of the old order still appeal to many over the unknown

of the hundreds of thousands who voted for Gysi's party must have been fearful of unemployment and other social problems of the West constantly described by the East German media (still dominated by former communists) and reinforced by West German television, which has conjured up an underelass in West Germany rivalling that of the BBC's legions of homeless and deprived in Britain.

What many bourgeois triumphalists in the West do not comprehend is that few people in Eastern Europe understand how a market economy delivers the goods. There is also a widespread belief that Western workers live in the grip of a monstrous efficiency which brooks not the slightest mistake. It is very difficult to explain to many East Europeans that in the West, even petty theft from one's employer - let alone sloppy work - is often not regarded as a legitimate reason for dismissal by industrial tribunals.

Unemployment is the fear that most haunts the newly liberated peoples throughout Eastern and Central Europe. Even if they can be persuaded that in a Westernsiyle society their health and safety at work would be better protected than ever before, and even if they accepted that those with jobs will not lose them for turning up five minutes late. many know that their factories are unviable and will have to close without continued subsidies. They also know that their rents are too low to pay for repairs to the shoddy flats in which they live, and that the subsidies on their tram fares are ridiculously high. More than anything else, they believe that if the subsidies are withdrawn from factories, housing and transport, money will not be found for the dole.

Many West Germans talk

glibly about what is needed to revive the economies of Eastern Europe. They retail their own experience of an economic miracle built out of the ruins of the Reich, and urge the East Europeans to imitate the currency reform of June 1948. However, they forget the advantages West Germany enjoyed after the Second World War. Millions of managers, technicians and workers were waiting to be put back to work, using skills and methods they had not forgonen. Punctuality, conscientiousness and teamwork were as essential to the Winschaftswunder as the Deutschmark and Marshall Aid.

n the East, scores of thousands of managers and millions of workers will need not only to be retrained, but resocialized. They have been used to working in a system summed up in the saying "They pretend to pay us and we pretend to work." It will not be easy to change a mentality created by 40 years of life in a society in which connections or the black market were the best way to get goods and services.

President Havel of Czechoslovakia has shown little enthusiasm for economic restructuring, and his country's communists are already running a campaign criticizing the sale of

national "assets" to Westerners. Those assets are, of course, worthless factories churning out they employ many people and the Czech party talks confidently of polling more than 20 per cent.

The Romanian National Salvation Front is using the same combination of nationalist slogans and fear of the unknown to bolster its chances of winning the elections on May 20. When old communists such as Ladislav Adamec and Ion Iliescu talk about following a "third way" between capitalism and communism, what they intend is the preservation of the old economic structures with a more palatable political facade.

The devotion of Eastern Europe's new leaders to ultrademocratic ways also bodes well for the communists. Proportional representation guarantees them seats and perhaps even places at the cabinet tables. With such a showing, it will be difficult for either Western govemments or local opponents to ignore their views.

Except in Romania, the street

revolutions of last autumn were more like carnivals than revolutions; but how much longer will the good humour hold? If the West Germans are considered overbearing by their East German neighbours, how will the people of Prague or Budapest react to Germany's growing economic dominance? So far, the West has sent free-market ideologues and carpetbaggers to inaugurate a new era. Things may turn nasty unless many more people see more of the normal features of Western market democracy developing in the East Helmut Kohl's biggest problem may yet turn out to be the course of economic relations between a united Germany and its Eastern neighbours, not the ghost of past border disputes. The author is a lecturer in modern history at Oriel College, Oxford.

Philip Howard: Old words for new

### Counting by noddles

great many centuries. Call it what you will, the impost has linguistic as well as political and social consequences, as do most things under the sun and moon and the cold, unexpressive stars. Everything we do impinges on

our language, as soon as we do it.
One of its revived meanings is poll (as head) itself, which has been given the the kiss of life by the Government's dodgy and controversial replacement for the rates. This word came into Middle English in the 13th century from the Dutch and Low German polle, your topknot, or crown of your head, the part I hit on the top of the door-frame so often, with jumping around and obscenities, that I ought to wear a crash helmet.

The poll or head came to be used to mean one individual in a crowd or list, one of a number, as a shepherd counts the polls of sheep, or a master takes roll-call at what Eton describes, with ancient lateral logic, as Absence. Thence as taxes became more systematic in the Middle Ages. poll tax became a way of counting or taxing individuals. It those who had until then avoided tax by having it paid for

them by their feudal superiors. Poll branched out, survived, and flourished greatly into this century to describe voting, and also the bogus pseudo-science invented by George Horace Gallup, the public opinion poll - alucrative spectator sport which consists of asking various allegedly carefully selected heads a lot. of silly or slanted questions, and then gulling newspapers into publishing their answers, at exorbitant price, as though these signified something interesting

or sensational. If you want to take the Juvenziian view that every day, in every way, the world is going to the dogs, you could advance the importance attached by featherheads to opinion polls as evidence of our intellectual deterioration. The original meaning of poll as head was blotted out by its new role in the democratic process.

The older meaning of a poll tax, or tax head by head, can be seen in the old chronicles: "The people greatly murmured for the payment of four pence the polle." When Wat Tyler killed a poll tax collector who, tradition says, had grossly insulted his daughter, the incident sparked into rebellion the discontented Militants of the day in south-east England. Wat Tyler was cut down by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Walworth, at Smithfield. King Richard II prudently offered himself as the rebels' leader in his place. The peasants dispersed, and their demands came to nothing. But ever since the authorities have been nervous about using the words poll tax. It was levied again in 1531, and then in 1667. But poll tax had become boowords in the English lexicon. The other word that has been

he poll tax or community reawakened after a long sleep by charge has resurrected at our 1990 poll tax or community least two words that have charge is poind: to seize and sell charge is poind: to seize and sell been dormant in English for a under a warrant the goods of somebody who refuses to pay his or her poll tax. Because this is happening only in Scotland so far, we have so far met only the Scottish variant of the word. It comes from the Old English pyndan to enclose, shut in,

impound (to which it is related), The oi is a . 16th-century spelling, which has been retained by the Scottish lawyers, who are as ferociously conservative about trivialities and formalities as lawyers everywhere. C'est, after all, leur meiler, Lawyers are there to enforce the letter (in this case the two letters) of the law. That is where the catchphrase about the letter of the law comes from. But the oi is not pro-nounced as a diphthong. The Scots say "pind", recalling the word's roots before the 16thcentury oi came in,

Doind is found widely in Scottish writing (mostly, in the way of the world, legal writing) from the 14th century oowards. Here are two literary examples of the forgotten word. Burns in Twa Dogs. "He'll apprehend them, poind their Border-Widow, from Francis Child's great collection of English and Scottish Popular Ballads, published in five volumes between 1882 and 1898: "He slew my knight, and poind his

English English, as usual, developed along a different branch from Scottish English. The English English word derived from Old English pyndan is spelt and pronounced pind, and has been obsolete in English law, in the sense of to impound or distrain, for five centuries. It survives only in shepherds' dialect to describe an uncomfortable discase exclusively confined to suckling lambs: "Theire excremente berke together theire tayles and hinder partes, and soe stoppe theire fundament; the sheapheardes phraise is that such lambes are pinded, and that they must bee sette att liberty." Rattle your dags is what Australians say in such circs.

With the arrival of our poll tax bills next month in England, we shall in the normal course of tax collection soon meet with pinding down in England too. Or shall we adopt the illogical and erroneous Scottish 16th-century misprint, poind? Political disturbance brings to life old roots. When the North-Sea pipelines were dug deep across the eastern counties, teasels that had slept deep down for centuries were rudely woken up, and sprouted above to mark the line of the oil.

Change in society and the law creates new jargon. It may not be much fun to have one's television set seized and removed for sale for the local authority by an officer with a warrant, but nor was it in Wat Tyler's days, when it was your pig or your pitchfork that was pinded. At least it is some consolation that the words for the nasty business are rooted deep in history.

#### As of this morning, more pre-What cure for the new-tech ham? cisely as of this dawn, there is a new noise to plague the shallow sleeper. New, at any rate, to me.

I have, over the subsomniae years, grown accustomed to most of the sighs and clicks and grunts and moans and squeaks and mutterings that rise from the noman's land between sleep and waking before the Very light ares upwards from the unscrambling brain to identify their various sources and claim the urban heart ever on the qui vive for jernmy and footfail.

I have been nudged from dreams by joists ereaking confidentially to one another, and doors unlaiching themselves, and radiators tuning up, and sashes nattering irritably at the gale, and I have semi-consciously ticked the noise off the list and slid back. reassured, into sleep. I have heard the fridge wake and juggle loose

bottles, briefly, before both of us dropped off again, and cocked an ear to the rasp of little claws on the tiles above my head as early birds hurried. like overdue muezzins to their choral vantagepoints. I have even learned not to be too disquiered by that curious whim of crumpled paper which persuades it suddenly to uncrumple itself in its nocturnal bin for no reason at all.

But, until the small hour just gone, I had not previously been woken by a low spasmodic natter, a tinny insistent buzz simultaneously familiar and unfamiliar. which bothered me for several seconds until familiarity finally prevailed. Two rooms away, my fax machine was going. Someone was sending me something. I groped for my watch, and the lighter which would enable me to read it once I had located the glasses to read it through, and after a bit, when the four of us had convened on the carpet where we had severally fallen. I discovered that it was fam. This was not a noise merely to

be added to the list, and immediately ticked off. This was a message, generated, it had to be assumed, by urgency, I rose from the carpet. felt my way out of the bedroom, lurched across the hall towards the chattering fax, and switched on the light. As I did so, the machine stopped, leaving two



sheetsworth unspooled from its lip. I tore the paper off; squinted; focused. "FAXHAM" it said at the top, in large caps. It had come from Faxham;

where was Faxham? Some ghastly grid-streeted New Town customcreated to serve the electronic era. a place of windowless anodized aluminium complexes where time was irrelevant and hardeyed, unsleeping youths in floral braces and tasselled loafers scuttled day and night between banks of clattering hardware, breaking briefly from their career-paths only for savage bouts of squash and lechery?

I read on, and discovered that Faxham was not this at all. Faxham was not even a place, faxnam was a genus. The paragraph dependent from the title explained that the faxham was, cf. the radio ham, a component of a

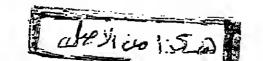
vast network of like-minded enthusiasts, a member of a covert brotherhood, an officer in an élite subversive cadre . . . In other words, a lonely crack-

pot who had managed to get his hands on a device capable of offchance that other lonely crack-pots might be seduced into his ghastly fellowship. He had not faxed me specifically, he continued, since he did not know me from Adam - the faxham simply tapped arbitrarily into the void like a Voyager mission broken free from its solar tether and hoping sometime, somewhere, to encounter responsive life.

It occurred to me, since he had

of course left his number, to fax back a curt message pointing out that the way he could know me from Adam was by recalling that Adam was the one able to hide himself even from the Lord God among the trees of the garden, as the result of the Lord God's oversight in failing to provide Adam with a fax machine; but I reflected that I had not been born yesterday. I have learned that not only does a crackpot not require one word of encouragement, one word of discouragement is usually enough to have him grappling himself to you with hoops of smel Ignore them, is the only

course with crackpots.
So I switched the machine off. I looked at it for a bit. The slogan which had drawn me to it in the first place had been. The world at your fingertips." Of the world's fingertips, nobody had seen fit to





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### A KIND OF WILD JUSTICE

No episode in modern history was so infamous as the Nazi campaign of genocide, and civilization itself must for ever turn its face in shame. The debate about the desirability of trying Nazi war criminals in Britain is in no way a debate about this fundamental judgement. If the only question was whether Britain still believed it, there could be only one answer.

The prospect of trying Nazi war criminals in Britain stirs feelings of great intensity. There are profound considerations of moral and constitutional principle to be weighed on both sides. Above all, the integrity of the British judicial system must not be compromised. It is self-defeating to judge and punish in the name of justice, if injustice has first to be perpetrated to make this possible.

The Bill which has been presented to Parliament is calculated to address one specific anomaly in the affair: the absence of jurisdiction in the British courts over war crimes committed by those who were not then, but are now, British citizens. It must be said that if war criminals sought British nationality in order to evade justice, then a grievous mistake was made in granting it to them.

The Bill is intended to make plain that Britain is no safe haven for such fugitives by bringing them to account now, notwithstanding the fact that they were not subject to British law at the time. It is for all that a flawed Bill. If the mistake must be corrected, it should be done in some other way.

A foreign citizen who murders another foreign citizen on foreign soil cannot subsequently be tried in Britain for it, however atrocious the circumstances. Otherwise British justice would be claiming jurisdiction over the whole of mankind. Parliament is right to have an intense distaste for retrospective legislation, and to allow it only in the most exceptional circumstances. Those special circumstances must arise from the nature of the legal difficulty, not because of the gravity of the alleged offences.

Yet that is essentially the argument of those who favour this change in the law. They say

that the circumstances were extraordinary precisely because of the scale of the crime and its hideous context. That in their view justifies a departure from a principle which has hitherto been regarded as without exception. The principle is that Parliament should not legislate to turn an act committed in the past, which was not at the time a crime in British law, into a criminal act after the event.

It must not be assumed, at this stage, that any of those suspected of Nazi war crimes who sought and were granted British nationality are gnilty. All that can be said at this stage is that a body of prima facie evidence exists. If such cases are to be tried before a British court, however, the details of this appalling episode in human affairs will have to be dissected for the benefit of a jury according to the highest standards of proof and fairness, against a fortissimo of publicity.

If convicted, a handful of elderly men would end their days in a British prison - and there would be little sympathy for them. But the magnitude of the crimes alleged are out of all proportion to such a penalty, even at its worst. A few years' deprivation of liberty in the relatively humane conditions of a British jail is almost derisory as a response to what is alleged.

At this distance of time, whatever a jury's verdict, some lingering doubt would always have to exist as to mistaken identity, and as to whether the accused had a fair chance to present a full defence and call all their witnesses. Old men forget. A trial could not be fair if it became no more than a test of fading

In another sense, of course, the memory of those events must never be allowed to fade. One of the reasons put forward for prosecuting alleged war criminals now is the benefit that would come from refreshing the public memory of those fearful times. But that is a political and educational objective, not a judicial one. Even if the criminal cases are abandoned, there can never be absolution for the crimes themselves.

#### A BLACK AND WHITE CASE

The time has come for the perestroika initiated by President de Klerk in South Africa to spread north across the Limpopo. South Africa is rapidly becoming like the proverbial island, a patch of land entirely surrounded by advice. The US Secretary of State, Mr James Baker, is making the first visit to Pretoria by an American of his seniority since the 1970s. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, is in town. His Soviet counterpart is also perambulating the region. The Namibian independence celebrations are bringing a diplomatic parade through this hitherto untouchable land.

All these high-level visits have been sourly received by Nelson Mandela, the ANC and by many of the frontline state leaders who fear that what they call "pressure" may be taken off Pretoria as a result. At its meeting in Lusaka yesterday the Organization of African Unity was pondering advice from the ANC to step up the pressure, against Western advice to reach some more pragmatic accommodation with the white government to the south.

Officially, the OAU declines to have any dealings with South Africa until apartheid is completely abolished. As always in Africa there is distance between rhetoric and reality. The rhetoric maintains that South Africa is isolated and that no nations are more solid in their support for sanctions than the frontline states. The reality is different. Zimbabwe, under the sternly Marxist Mr Mugabe, is South Africa's second largest African trading partner. South Africa now trades with every state in the continent, and last year the volume of that trade increased by some 40 per cent.

These mostly unofficial economic links are desperately needed. The recent study published by the World Bank, "From Crisis to Sustainable Growth", portrays a region, outside South Africa, that is one of the world's most economically wretched. Agricultural growth is weak, industrial output is declining, export performance is poor. The potential for

growth is there, in the continent's vast resources of land, workforce and mineral reserves. But that potential is unexploited as long as the frontline states regard themselves as the last custodians of eastern European traditions of economic management. In other words, the trouble is politics.

Some members of the OAU - notably in francophone Africa - know well enough that South Africa is today what it has long been, the economic superpower of the sub-continent. Its contribution to any revival in the region is simply crucial. But that contribution requires two things. First, South Africa needs to be able to accumulate investment and attract foreign trade. If ANC pressure compels the Pretoria Government to move into a headlong redistribution of wealth for political ends, stagnation beckons.

In some of its pronouncements, the ANC and Mr Mandela appear dimly to understand this. In others, such as those made since Mr Mandela's release, the message is less clear. An ANC-led South Africa will need capitalism every bit as much a white-led one, but is most unlikely to get it.

The second requirement is that the frontline states reach a more public modus vivendi with the republic than their tired dictators can, as yet, accept. Those that refuse to promote barter and aid deals with Pretoria cut off their noses to spite their faces. They cheat their populations of prosperity, drive their workers to seek iobs in South Africa and, eventually, destabilize their own one-party regimes by the resultant poverty.

Mr Mandela, the most remarkable leader to emerge on the public stage in southern Africa for decades, recently told his warring supporters in Natal to throw their weapons into the sea. He might usefully tell his allies to the north to do the same to their quotas, plans, sanctions laws and rotten bureaucracies. Ominously, Natal has yet to respond to his pleas.

#### **SUBLIME LOOT**

It is unlikely that the thieves who plundered the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston at the weekend ever stopped to ask themselves what they were doing. To them, it was mere merchandisc.

How, though, did their understanding of the crime they were committing differ from that of the society around them? Not even the penal code, under which the culprits will doubtless be punished in due course, accords a special weight to thefts of works of art, as opposed to Objects of equal value which may be

The commercial value of art is subjective, variable and ultimately dependent on a scarcity defined by demand. In less unproductive times, such market value would be of the utmost insignificance, by comparison with the objective characteristics which confer ment upon a picture or a sculpture. Vermeer's "The Concert" would hardly have been worth stealing a century ago, although it was no less rare and no less magnificent than it is today, because there was no demand for Vermeer.

The art world is populated by a dwindling minority of genuine connoisseurs and an army of others who make a little knowledge go a long way. The exhibition "Fake? - The Art of Deception", which opened recently at the British Museum, is an eloquent catalogue of the incompetence of countless curators, critics, auctioneers and others who are paid to

distinguish original works from imitations. Admittedly, the discovery of forgeries is very difficult; to separate a master's work from that of his contemporaries still more so. The temptation for experts to err on the side of commercial advantage is no doubt powerful, and sometimes irresistible. In an art market bloated with the profits of financial institu-

tions guided by nothing more than a desire to maximize returns on investment, corruption is likely to flourish, while opportunities multiply for thieves to dispose of their loot

There may, however, be less ignoble motives for stealing works of art. In 1911 an Italian student, Vincenzo Perugia, stole the "Mona Lisa". He believed passionately that the works of the great Leonardo, whose name he adopted, should be returned to Italy.

The Paris police briefly arrested Apollinaire, and even Picasso was interrogated. Having consulted a shop near Victoria Station about transport to Florence, Perugia turned up at the Uffizi more than a year later to present the picture to its incredulous director. At his trial in 1914, spectators cheered when he was given the minimum sentence of a year.

What if the "Mona Lisa" had remained at the bottom of Perugia's trunk to this day? The (inaccurate) news that the Communards had set the Louvre ablaze in 1871 caused the great historian Burckhardt to rush to his friend, the philosopher Nietzsche, for consolation. The image of these two lonely figures - speechless with grief at a loss which they felt to be personal, regardless of the museum or country in whose custodianship the works had perished - is a powerful one. Paintings can command far greater prices today; it is doubtful whether their loss arouses such authentic pathos.

It is an accidental quality of the sublime in art that it is bought and sold, often for fabulous sums, by individual or corporate collectors and museums. This sometimes interesting, more often tiresome detail has come to eclipse the aesthetic essence of the works themselves. In the case of stolen pictures which simply vanish, the eclipse is almost total.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Dr Allen A. Bartholomew

Sir, lan Mather (report, March 16) suggests that Farzad Bazoft was

not acting as a spy but states that

Bazoft visited the prohibited area after twice being refused per-mission, whilst Christopher Wal-

ker notes that the nurse, Mrs

Daphne Parish, drove Bazoft to the restricted military zone dis-

guised as an Indian doctor. Is this

To this must be added, when we

attempt to assess the facts, that

Bazoft's conviction in 1981 which

led to his prison sentence would appear to have had as a back-

ground threatening behaviour with a fake bomb, behaviour that

was most likely calculated and

premeditated rather than impul-

sive; further offences involving

cheque frauds were taken into

consideration.

standard journalistic behaviour?

### on false papers

From Mr Philip Redfern Sir, The steps that the Government proposes to take to deal with bogus marriages and immigration fraud were described (March 12) by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health. Those steps will help. A more thoroughgoing reform of the registration service would do even more, as well as helping to tackle the many other problems of fraud and denial of citizens' rights (my letter, March 5).

There is a range of ways to organise population records, as practice in Western Europe and North America shows. At the most disciplined and demanding end of the spectrum is a full population register that includes current addresses plus identity cards, as in Belgium. Mr Freeman might remind himself that III
MPs from his own party put their
names to this kind of system when
they voted for Mr Tony Favell's
motion of June 21, 1988, to bring
in a Bill to introduce a British
identity card.

A full population register without issuing ID cards to everyone is
less demanding but probably almost as effective; this is the
practice in the Scandinavian
countries. Less demanding still is a population register that omits current addresses, as in France. Nni very different from this are the Canadian and United States registers of people who have applied for social security numbers; these registers cover virtually the whole adult population and are widely used to combat fraud. Then, at the most primitive and disorganised end of the spectrum, are countries without any multipurpose register of people - the UK and Ireland.

I am not advocating any particular solution, though I doubt whether there is a good case for ID cards. The Registrar General should make a full study of all the options, taking into account pri-vacy, acceptability, and financial implications. We should not dis-miss options out of hand, as Mr Freeman seems to do. That is just burying our heads in the sand and a negation of an informed and

open society.
Yours faithfully,
PHILIP REDFERN (Deputy
Director, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, 1970-82), 17 Fulwith Close, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. March 13.

#### Finding a 'fifth man'

From Mr W. J. West Sir, In the course of researching a book on Roger Hollis and his connections with GRU (Russian military intelligence) - not KGB (Russia's M15) - shortly to be published in New York as Spymaster: The Betrayal of MT5, I spoke with Dr Christopher Andrew in his capacity of editor of the scholarly journal, Intelligence and National Security. After he kindly offered to consider any important new material on Hollis or the security services that I might uncover, we discussed a number of points in my book.

I was deeply concerned, therefore, to learn (report, March 6) that Dr Andrew was working closely with a former member of the security services on a book that had much common ground with my own.

Does the fact that I have discussed such matters with a person possibly connected with the security services bring my book within the ambit of the Official Secrets Act? And if Spymaster can only be published in New York, whence comes the apparent immunity of the Gordievsky/Andrew book?

It is one thing for books to be banned, and worrying enough. It is a stage further for "official" books to be set up in their place. Yours sincerely, W. J. WEST 36 Fairpark Road. Exeter, Devon. March 14.

#### Sneak preview From Mr Robert Clough

Sir, Tuny Benn is not alone among political celebrities to have read his obituary in advance of the need to use it (Diary, March 14). Lord Lawson ("Jack"), a former war minister in the Labour Government, with an hour to spare in

Newcastle before boarding the night sleeper to London, would occasionally call in at The Journal office near hy to chat with me, the In the library his eye fell upon his prepared hiography. He read it with deliberation and, chuckling,

remarked, "That's excellent, I'll die happy now". Yours faithfully. ROBERT CLOUGH, 53 Beatty Avenue, North Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne. March 14.

#### Mandela at Wemblev From Mr Tony Hollingsworth

Sir, Mr Kevin Miller (March 16) asks why Nelson Mandela is "the only resident South African" to appear at the Wembley concert on Easter Monday. First, I would point out that "concert" is too narrow a term to describe the event which has been organised with the twin purpose of celebrating Mr Mandela's release and focusing the world's attention on the contioued need to dismantle the abhorrent system of apartheid. In order for this message to be

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brought to a truly international audience, reaching not only the converted but also the sceptical, it has to be packaged in such a way as to make it attractive to television audiences in every possible territory. Music is the only form of television programming which can claim to transcend all linguistic and geographic barriers.

The line-up of musicians

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#### Tighter controls Ethical issues in the case of Bazoft Training young

nation with whom Iran has, until recently conducted a prolonged and bloody war, could be misconstrued as spying.

How many more journalists must die before editors realise that they cannot conduct all of their overseas reporting as though they were in a liberal Western democracy?

Yours faithfully. COLIN A. ROBERTS. Tempe Farm, Main Street, Swepstone, Leicestershire.

From Mr Myles Glover Sir, 1 fear that the Government and the Foreign Office have been non-suited over their handling of the sad case of Farzad Bazoft. They have tried, understandably but unsuccessfully, to accommodate their duty to protect a British subject as best they might to the requirement of preserving

Finally, one notes that Bazoft attempted to become a "police informer", but that his services were not used as it was decided In trying to achieve both ends they have achieved neither, and possibly – although by no means certainly – sacrificed the life of a that his information was unreli-British subject in the process.

I do not support capital punishment for any type of behaviour, including terrorist killings. What I am concerned about is the seeming intent to build up the deceased man as a means of condemning an admittedly brutal regime.

Yours etc., ALLEN A. BARTHOLOMEW, Shirley Lodge, 51 Wickham Road, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. March 16.

From Mr C. A. Roberts Sir, I hold no candle for the Iraqi Government; however, I do believe that they are not the real culprits for the demise of Mr Bazoft. The blame surely lies with a British press, on this occasion typified by *The Observer*, who appear to believe that being a journalist elevates a person above both his fellow citizens and, in this case, other governments.

Allowed for years to treat Western governments with con-tempt, editors seem unable to understand why the sending of an Iranian citizen to pry (one man's investigative journalism is another man's spying) into the affairs at a secret military base, run by a

national dignity.

It is impossible to quarrel with the Iraqi comment that those who seek clemency should say "please" rather than threaten, a proposition similar to that of English law that he who seeks equity should do so with clean hands.

We might have achieved clemency had we genuinely sought it, rather than challenged, to a greater or less extent overtly, the judgement giving rise to the sentence which clemency could mitigate. Yours faithfully, MYLES GLOVER,

As from: Buckhall Farm, Bull Lane, Bethersden, nr. Ashford, Kent.

From Miss H. M. Sands Sir, In your leader today (March 16) you claim that it no longer matters whether Mrs Thatcher. Mr Kaufman, or others reacted appropriately to the death sentence oo Farzad Bazoft. Surely, Sir, it matters enormously if we are to be rightly prepared for - God forbid - any subsequent similar event. Yours faithfully,

before the wage award, a worker

with an average tax liability would have a a take-home pay per annum of approximately £5,460.

True, some, and indeed many,

employers may well choose to

increase their employees' rem-uneration arbitrarily, hut there will be no guidelines. Some will

pay none; some will pay some, and

some will pay all, which will lead

to obvious and possible strained

relations between employers and

The only way that this situation

can be remedied - and remedied it must be - is that either the wage

award must be at least doubled, or,

better still, the rate at which farm

workers pay their poll tax levied

on the basis of ability to pay and

directly related to the level of

Stainley House, South Stainley,

From Mr Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East (Labour), Sir, In Matthew Parris's political

sketch (March 16) he states: "Mr

Nellist has now resigned the

I want to make it crystal clear

that that is not the case. Despite

calls in recent days from several

Tory Cabinet ministers, in oumer-

ous press releases, for the whip to

be withdrawn from me for my

opposition to the poll tax and my

determination to stand shoulder

to shoulder with those millions of

families unable to pay, I have no

intention of resigning - nor has any officer of the Parliamentary

Labour Party asked me to do so.

Mr Parris is entitled to his

opinions, and to his idiosyncratic

observations — but at least he should try to base them on the truth.

Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

income tax they pay.

MOUNTGARRET.

Yours faithfull

Labour whip".

Yours etc.

March 16.

DAVE NELLIST,

House of Commons.

employees

H. M. SANDS. 16 Derweot Drive, Orpington, Kent.

#### Poll tax points

From Mr M. D. Berkson Sir, If ooe wishes to pay poll tax in monthly instalments, East Hert-fordshire District Council "will not be issuing standing order forms", but have now written twice asking me to complete a variable direct-debit instruction. Furthermore, where there is more than one charge-payer in a household, a joint payment covering all charge-payers can be made only by method. The council allege that if we set up our own standing orders this must be done as two separate payments.

Like many married couples, my wife and I operate a joint bank account. I do not understand how or why we are expected to make two separate payments from a single account. This apparent separation is particularly odd since husband and wife are jointly and severally liable for each other's poll tax.

Yours faithfully D. BERKSON. 55 Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Viscount Mountgarret Sir, The Agricultural Wages Board (AWB) have just announced an overall increase in the basic agricultural wage of £10 per week. In view of the level of poll tax that is liable to be paid by an average agricultural family of some £700 a year, this award is miserly in the extreme. For many years employers in the industry, be they landowners or farmers, have, to a greater or less extent, set their own levels of remuneration to their employees in line with the awards

made by the AWB. A worker on the basic agricultural wage will take home from next June, after tax, an average of £5.760 per annum. Out of this he may have to find £700 per annum for poll tax. Before poll tax, and

#### Westminster meters From the Leader of Westminster

City Council Sir, Sir Clement Freud's column of March 12, "The phantom meter mercenaries", deserves posterity as a whinge celebre.

It makes three points. First, that he is ashamed of Westminster's low community charge, and would prefer to pay more. He thinks it is unfair that he should be paying so little. Never nnce, however, does he show any concern for his less well-off neighbours in the City of Westminster, who are universally thankful not to live in Camden (£535), Islington (£498), or Brent (£498).

Next, after previously complaining about traffic and congestinn in London, he berates the council for enforcing parking regulations. This is a good example of having one's whinge and whining out on it. If we do not enforce the parking regulations, Sir Clement would complain; if we do enforce the parking regulations, Sir Clement complains.

Finally, your columnist offers a solution to the problems of parking shortages in central Loodon. Rather than share them around, or create more spaces, or enforce any regulations, he advocates raising the price of parking permissions, again penalising the less well-off. How can we have a fair society

when the likes of Sir Clement Freud are so obsessed with their privileges? Yours faithfully, SHIRLEY PORTER, Leader.

performing is not yet finalised and

new artists are being approached

every day. However, there will be

Westminster City Council, PO Box 240, Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1. March 15.

a careful balance of the more widely known international artists and artists from South Africa to ensure that the programme is seen in as many countries as possible. Only in that way can we guarantee that Mr Mandela's message reaches a genuinely world-wide audience. Yours faithfully, TONY HOLLINGSWORTH (Managing Director),

Tribute Productions

March 16.

144 Liverpool Road, N1.

### opera singers

From the Chairman of National Opera Studio

Sir, In her recent article (March 14) about young opera singers Hilary Finch rightly stresses the importance of training. But her picture of a few random small-scale initiatives, operating in isola-tion, seems a little over-glonmy.

I can only speak for the National Opera Studio (NOS). We may be small, but we were planned to be so, in order to fulfil our special purpose. This has always been to give training in performance to a limited number — we hope the cream — of opera graduates from the colleges of music and of young singers who already have some experience in the profession.

As for isolation, our board consists of the heads of the country's leading npera companies and the size of our intake a dozen or so a year - seems to them, and to us, to be about right. That so many of them have, in our 12 years' existence, been immediately placed and achieved success with those companies gives us cess with those companies gives us confidence. To take only those mentioned by Miss Finch as nurtured by the Royal Opera House and English National Opera — Jean Rigby, Cathryn Pope, Michael Druiett, Judith Howarth, Cillian Webster and Anthony Gillian Webster and Anthony Michaels-Moore - all but two

were NOS trainees. Our involvement with the opera house has in fact steadily grown in the initial selection, in visits of the whole course to work for a period with a company, in pro-vision of tutors, and in sec-ondments to us of singers from a company. (The reverse process has proved impractical).

Perhaps each company should have its own school, but could they at present afford this? This co-operation arrangement has worked and dooe so economically. Our Arts Council grant is less than that to our predecessor, the London Opera Centre, 12 years ago. We are grateful to Miss Finch for drawing attention to the vital importance of opera training.

Yours faithfully, HUGH WILLATT, Chairman, National Opera Studio, Morley College,

61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 March 16.

From Sir Thomas Armstrong Sir, Hilary Finch's article dealing with some problems in the training of singers for opera may remind us of the invaluable work dooe in this field by the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells, especially during the years when Norman Tucker and James Robertson were active there.

The records make it clear that very many of those British singers who have made fine careers in opera were greatly helped by their apprenticeships in those institutions, and that the loss of such training-grounds was a serious one. Those who at the time opposed the move of the ENO to the Coliscum foresaw what the consequences would be, and subsequent events have shown that their fears were not unjustified.

It is to be hoped that those who are now planning for the future of opera in Britain will have these past experiences in mind, and will aim at a revival of the ideals which inspired many men and women who worked at that time devotedly and with such fine results for English opera.

Yours sincerely THOMAS ARMSTRONG, 1 East Street, Olney, Buckinghamshire. March 15.

#### Weather omen

From Mr Frank Paton Sir, In reporting the waywardness of the recent weather (March 19) vnu infer that a hot March precedes an indifferent summer.

In this part of England we say: "Oak before ash - splash; ash befnre oak - soak".

Last year the oaks were in full leaf before the ash started to leaf. This year the ash are ahead of the still tight oak buds. Yours faithfully FRANK PATÓN

Smocombe House, Enmore, Bridgwater, March 19.

#### Sleeping easy

From Mrs K. G. Sternberg Sir, Contrary to Mr D. A. Chance's npinion (March 17), the "spread" of duvets has changed the quality of life to the better. Nevertheless. as a caring hostess, t always provide a few hlankets (one of them covered by a quilt cover) in a transparent plastic bag at arm's Ynurs faithfully,

KLARA STERNBERG, 26 Park Way, NW11.

#### First-class post

From Mrs M. S. McIntyre Sir, Today I received a postcard from my brother, on holiday io Courchevel, addressed thus: "Second road on the right past Canonmills Clock near botanical gardens Edinhurgh (opposite Warriston Crescent)". It was posted in Courchevel on March 12.

Yours sincerely.
MARIAN McINTYRE, 8 Eildoo Street, Edinburgh. March 14.

**OBITUARIES** 

REAR-ADMIRAL SIR MATTHEW SLATTERY

#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 19: The Right Hon John Major, MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Queen Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Royal Film Performance of

Royal Film Performance of Always in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester

The Couotess of Airlie, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam and Lieutenant-Colooel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

This afternoon The Princess Royal opened the new offices of Warminster Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Tourist Information Centre at Central Car Park, Warminster and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened Orchard FM Radio Statioo, Haygrove House, Shoredisch, Taunton and was received oo arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter Luttrell)

attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam.

BARNWELL MANOR March 19: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-io-Chief, Anglian Regiment, today re-ceived Lieutenant Colonel G.I. Brett on relinquishing the appointment as Commanding Officer of the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel R. E. Haes on assuming the

KENSINGTON PALACE March 19: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened Fulton House, Cheltenham, the new offices of the Universities Central Council on Admissions.
Subsequently His Royal
Highness opened College Road
Wing of Cheltenham General
Hospital, Gloucestershire.
In the afternoon The Duke of

Gloucester opened Ebley Mill, the new offices of Stroud District Council. His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened the Third loternational Child Health Congress at Kensington Town Hall, London, W8.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance. The Princess Royal was in attendance.

Bromsgrove School announces the following awards as from September 1990:

992): Cholarships: William Scoll-romismove Lower Schoot: Abigali homas, Brindley Heath Junior fotool, Kinver: Exhibitions: Floria arris, Edghaston High School: Wil-am Butter, Harbbourne Junior

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pupils entering the Sixth form in September 1990).

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School.

Scholarships have been awarded

to the following girls for the Academic year 1990-91.

Academic Awards Vith Form: Nicola Coleman, Lucy Mail, Gaire Wratten, St Swithten's.

13+; Claire Finn-Kelcey, Jeroma Ingham, St Swithun's: Emily Roster. Brighton Hill Community School.

12+; Gloi Chan, Dearbhia McHenry, Rebecca Whiticar, St Swithum's: Julie Chappel, Casile Court

Woodmin 17th, Music Awards: Sarah Danieli, Clair Finn-Keicey, Alexandra Griffiths Amanda Harrison, Dearbhia Mc Henry, Susanna Morton, Joanna Summerfield, Erma Warson, S Swithun's: Emily Rosier, Brighton Hill Community School.

St Swithma's School,

Winchester

### School announcements

Edgehill College, Bideford The Governors are pleased to announce the following scholar-ships and exhibitions for entry in September 1990:

1+ Scholarship: Laura Emson from Bradworthy CP School, Devon: 11+ dusic Scholarship: Emily Comperts rom St Joseph's School, Bideford. Exhibitions: Lucinda Bee Edgehill Junior Denarmi ret: Jenny Moulton from the Junior School, Devon: I Exhibition: Lyndsey Pengs Looe CP School, Comwall.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire The entrance and scholarship examinations held recently at Moreton Hall have resulted in

Harrow School

The following elections for 1990

Masler's, A.M. McEwen.
ott, S.D. Thaker, The Mail
t.L.C. Wilson: D.A.J. Cameron,
dry House; P. Machain,
en Hall School: S.P.G. Wheeler,
et School, N. Ireland: Geoffrey
ods Computing Scholar; M.G.
Carist's Hospital: Peter Green;
loggam, Wadhursi, Australia.

Music Scholarships
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Escott, Westminster Cathedral Choir
School; A.M. McEwer, Calicott: Maox
Mesyer Exhibitioner, J.A. Cotton,
Mesyer Scholar, Bockester: Honorary
Music Scholar, D.H.F. Porr, Summer

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Ovid, Sulmona, Italy, 43 BC; Jean-Antoice Houdon, sculptor, Versailles, 1741; Henrik Ibsen, Skien, Norway, 1828; Hugh L. Maclennan, novelist, Nova Scotia, 1907; Sir Michael Redgrave, Bristol,

DEATHS: Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413, London, 1413; Sir Thomas Seymour, Baron Sey-mour of Sudeley, statesman, executed, London, 1549; Sir Leas Newton, 1722executed, London, 1349; Str Isaac Newton, London, 1727; Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, London, 1751; William Murray, 1st Earl of Mansfield, lord chief justice 1756-88. London, 1793; Henry David Inglis, traveller and writer, London, 1835; Lajos Kossuth, Hungarian nationalist, Turin, 1894; George Nathaniel Curzon. 1894; George Nathaniel Curzon, 1st Marquess Curzoo of Kedleston, Viceroy of India 1898-1905, Loodoo, 1925; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Paris, 1929; Henry Han-del Richardson, pseudonym of Ethel Florence Richardson, novelist, Fairlight, Sussex, 1946; dan Behan, writer, Dublin,

#### Luncheons HM Government

MrTom King, Secretary of State for Defence, was host at a luocheoo given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House io honour of Signor Mino Martinazzoli, Italian Minister of Defence.

HM Government General Sir Richard Vincent, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon given by was nost at a function given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Colonel General Bronislav Omelichev, First Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union.

#### Meeting

Whitworth Society
Mr W.G.N. Bucklaod. President
of the Whitworth Society, presided at the sixty-fifth annual commemoration meeting held yesterday at the Imperial Coll-ege of Science, Technology and Medicinc.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.R. Colthurst, FRCS and Miss D.G. Cales

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Sir Richard and Lady Colihurst, of Blarney Castle, Co Cork, and Dominique, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gale Coles, of Linle Streele, Framfield, East Sussex.

Mr A.A. Carnegie and Miss S.A. Southgate The engagement is announced between Andrew Alistair, elder

between Andrew Alistair, elder son of Mr and Mrs l.H. Caregie, of Northiam, East Sussex, and Stancia Anne, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J.T. Southgate, of Prinsied, West Sussex. Mr A.S. Clark and Or C.E. Hornsby

The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr R.J. Clark, of Kensington, London, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Clark, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Hornsby, of Naworth,

Mr A.C. Collyer and Miss T.L. Grimes The engagement is announced

Cumberland.

between Anthony, only son of Lt Colonel P.G. Collyer, of Boughton-uoder-Bleane, Kent. and Mrs F.M.A. Collyer, of Glastonbury. Somerset, and Grand Tracey Louise, younger daughter of the late Mr G.E.L. Grimes and of Mrs S.L. Grimes, of Beccles, Suffolk Mr and Mrs Gordon W. Hedin, of New York City. The wedding will take place in London.

The engagement is announced between Howard, only son of the late Major Jack Elston and of Mrs Joan Elston, of Broughton, Hampshire, and Jamie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jago, of Copsale,

Mr A.J. Haxby and Miss S.J.V. Shepherd The engagement is announced between Adrian, only son of Mr Donald Haxby, of Upton, Noninghamshire, and Mrs B.M. Haxby, of Wheathampstcad, Herts, and Vivienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Shepherd, of Damerham. Fordingbridge.

Mr M.J. Mackeith and Miss R.A. Cozens The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Col and Mrs R.H. MacKeith, of Ash Vale, Surrey, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.A.

and Miss A.F.L. Hedin The engagement is announced between Richard Scott, second son of Mr and Mrs Richard E. Thompson, of Princeton, New Jersey, and Anne, daughter of

Cozens, of Harrow.

Rear-Admiral Sir Matthew Slattery, KBE, CB, FRAcS, who died on March 16 at the age of 88, had three distinguished and distinct careers: in naval aviation to which he devoted most of his life; in the British aircraft industry at the head of two large firms; and in British air transport. After a career which began

in the early days of Navy flying he rose to become Director General of Naval Aircraft Development and Production at the Ministry of Aircraft Production in the critical days of the Second World War, he was then, successively, Chairman and Managing Director of Short **Brothers and Harland Limited** in Belfast, and Chairman of Bristol Aircraft Limited; and finally he was Chairman of BOAC until 1963.

Matthew Sausse Slattery was born on May 12, 1902, the third son of H. F. Slattery, a Southern Irish Catholic and one time Chairman of the National Bank Limited. He was educated at Stoneyhurst College and the Royal Naval Colleges Osborne and Dartmouth, from where he entered the Royal Navy as a midship-man in 1916.

After the formation of the RAF in 1918, the Royal Navy lost control of its air service to the new force, and Slattery, then a lieutenant, was one of the original small band of

Slattery with a model of the SC5 Britannic (later renamed Belfast) transport aircraft carriers, and earned the Admiralty in 1937. what was, for those days, rapid promotion to Captain, RN, by 1938. At 36 he was the

In that year he became Staff
Officer to the Rear-Admiral
Aircraft Carrier (Paris miral R. G. H. Henderson). tial production of such aircraft With him, Slattery established as the Swordfish, the leg-

Spitfire for naval use, which In 1939, with the Royal added a new dimension to the Navy's control of the Fleet Air Fleet's air defences. Slattery went to sea again, in Arm virtually complete, with

1941, to command the cruiser Cleopatra but was soon back to vital supply problems, as Director-General of Naval Aircraft Development and Production. From 1942 to the end of the war, he was in the original small band of the 12 aircraft strength of regular naval officers who transferred, in June 1924, to the Fleet Air Arm of the RAF. He became one of the early which heralded the return of exponents of deck landings on the Fleet Air Arm to an excellent adaptation of the same transferred are the strength of aircraft strength of and the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing and the sealing are made of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are end of the war, he was in the sealing are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary RAF the Martlet Avenger, Helicat are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary RAF the Martlet Avenger, Helicat are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary are the sealing are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary RAF the Martlet Avenger, Helicat are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary what combat-weary are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane what combat-weary are endary "Stringbag" of Taranto fame; the Sea Hurricane wh

In 1948, he became Vice

Naval Air Equipment at the Admiralty and Chief Naval Representative at the Ministry Slattery retired from the

Royal Navy in 1948 to become Managing Director of Short Brothers and Harland Limited nnder Denis Wrangham, who he succeeded as Chairman in 1952, becomthe Bristol Aeroplane Company, Chairman of Bristol Aircraft Limited and a Special Adviser to the Prime Minister (Harold Macmillan) on transport of Middle East oil. In 1960, he restored his father's connection by becoming a Director fo the National Bank.

On July 29, 1960, Slattery was appointed full-time Chairman of BOAC by Duncan Sandys. The nationalised airline was going through a difficult period, introducing new aircraft and facing increased foreign competition, requiring increased borrowing powers and higher, fixed-rate, interest charges to the government

In the face of accumulated losses for the accounting year 1961-62, which added up to £64 million, Slattery remarked of the fixed-interest requirements from the government that, "to expect a company to do something that is not wholly commercial and then, when it has lost money doing

Naval aviator who turned to supplying aircraft in war and peace the crucial middle war years, it, to expect it to pay interest when British production on that money is bloody could hardly keep pace with crazy."

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Such a typically forthright remark, though justified, did Controller (Air) and Chief of not endear him to the political masters of a nationalised is dustry. Hence, in the face of controversial criticisms of BOAC in a government-roquested Corhett Report Slattery, with his Managing Director, Sir Basil Smallmece were requested to resign by the Minister of Aviation "in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the BOAC Board". He was ing, in 1957, also a Director of succeeded by Sir Giles Guthrie as Chairman and Chief Executive.

Thereafter, Slattery elected to the Boards of Wil. liams & Glyn's Bank, Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Limited and as chairman of R & W Hawthorn Leslie Limited and as vice chairman of the Air Requirements Board.

As one of the original Naval airmen following the First World War, as the architect of . much of the Royal Navy's aircraft equipment during the Second World War and as a hardworking and conscientious administrator in both the aircraft industry and in BOAC, Slattery brought a forthrightness, great skills and charm of personality to everything he did.

In retirement at Warninglie in Sussex he delighted in country pursuits and in his family.

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He married, in 1925, Mica Mary, daughter of Colonel G. D. Swain by whom he had two

### RONALD DOWD

### Australian tenor who revelled in taxing dramatic roles

Ronald Dowd, the Australian tenor who was such a prominent member of the Sadler's Wells Opera Company during the 1950s and 1960s, has died in Sydney at the age of 76. Dowd was a singing actor of the highest calibre, specializing in the heavier tenor repertory.

His portrayals of such varied characters as Idomeneo, Florestan, Tannhäuser, Canio, Oedipus and Peter Grimes were all memorable. What they had in common was the feeling of inner torture that Dowd suggested so formidably in word and deed. They were all men of action, and Dowd's virile presence, allied to his sense of poetry, was evident in each performance. His voice was not exactly beautiful, but it anguish that he was so often called on to convey. Dowd was born in Sydney

on February 23, 1914. Before serving in the Australian Army in the Second World War, he had worked in a bank. He was urged by the conductor Henry Krips to take up singing after the two met in Les Contes d'Hoffmann in Sydney and in the next six years he undertook some 20 immediately made his mark in other roles not least because ional Theatre Movement. He tenors of his kind were, and also began to establish his are, in short supply. name on the concert platform. His Oedipus and Grimes

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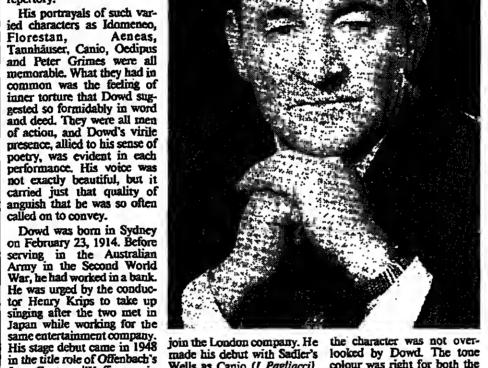
Nichols, headmaster, Stowe School, 47; Dr John Rae, former

head master of Westminster School, 59; Mr Justice Saville,

54; Mr Adrian Snow, former headmaster, The Oratory

Birthdays today

Services).



an arresting interpretation. He man's brutality and his

James Robertson, then really established his repul-music director of Sadler's ation. His Grimes was more Wells, conducted Dowd in down-to-earth, more credibly

Das Lied von der Erde in the fisherman, than that of

Sydney and invited him to Pears, yet the visionary side of performance of the Brecht
Order of Australia.

Wells as Canio (I Pagliacci), colour was right for both the tenderness.

> Oedipus in the Wells produc-tion of Stravinsky's work conducted by Sir Colin Davis, which was recorded by HMV. In 1963. Dowd further ex-

Dowd made his Covent Garden debut, not entirely happily, as Walther (Meistersinger) in 1960 and subsequently sang Canio, Grimes, Aeness and the Drum-Major at the Royal Opera House, in addition to creating Claudius in Searle's Hamlet there in 1969. He sang Aeneas to Janet Baker's Dido in the famous Scottish Opera staging of The Trojans in 1969. At the Hamburg Opera in 1967 he created the Lover in Goehr's Arden muss sterben.

Wells.

In 1972 he returned to his homeland to become the leading tenor with the re-formed Australian Opera for whom he sang Pierre in Prokofiev's War and Peace in the company's opening season at the Sydney Opera House in '73. The homecoming was not al-together peaceable: there was a falling out with the musical director, Richard Bonynge. Like his compatriot and colleague from the Sadler's Wells days, John Shaw, Dowd said exactly what he felt.

Dowd could generate as much tension in the concert hall as on the opera stage, particularly as Gerontius, which he often sang with Barbirolli.

His farewell in this country In 1961 he was a searing Oedipus in the Wells production of Stravinsky's work con-Festival Hall in 1981.

> His wife, Elsie, and a daughter both pre-deceased him. He

### KARL MÜNCHINGER Yardstick for Bach in earlier days

Karl Münchinger, the noted concert and immediately won-German conductor, died on acclaim. They quickly estab-Weill Mahagonny at Sadler's the era before period instruments became the fashion in baroque music his interpretations in that field with his Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra were the yardstick by which most other readings were judged.

> notable for its classical formality, leaning towards straightforward and crisp articulation, but not without expressive potential. He and his orchestra by no means confined themselves to Bach and they often tackled works appropriate to their size by Mozart, Beethoven, and the Romantics. Simultaneously they promoted works by twentieth century composers such as Hindemith, Britten, and

Münchinger's style was

Münchinger insisted on a thorough and accurate preparation of his performances, and was particularly demanding as regards dynamics. This style was Germanic in the sense of stronglyaccented rhythms and uncompromising attack.

Münchinger was born on May 29, 1915 in Stuttgart, and studied at the Music Academy of his native city and at the Leipzig Conservatory, During the Second World War he became conductor of the Hanover . Symphony Orchestra.

When peace came, he re-

March 13 at the age of 74. In lished their reputation as one of Europe's foremost baroque groups on a par with the Bowl Neel Orchestra in Britain and I Musici in Italy.

Decca signed np the or-chestra in 1949 and it soon made the first of three recordings of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos. The Suites, the Art of the Fugue and the Musical Offering followed, all to much praise from critics, but Münchinger's recordings of the major choral works by Bach probably crowned his reputation. They have recently been reissued on CD and sound as impressive as-

But he was no less successful in works such as Haydn's Creation, Wagner's Siegfried MOIL 2 11 nade. All were notable for the discipline and unanimity that always marked Munchinger's conducting.

As the 1970s progressed and the fashion for period instruments gained ground, Münchinger's influence and popularity waned. Authentic techniques in matters of bowing and instrumentation, and the search for the true style of Bach's own times that he had done much to foster on modern instruments, were taken over by younger colleagues.

On the platform Münchinger was an undemonstrative grey-haired figure of turned to Stuttgart and eonsiderable dignity. His formed his orchestra. Many of whole manner signified his the players had been fellow seriousness of purpose with students of Münchinger in music, and nothing but the Stuttgart. On September 18, 1945, they gave their first offerings.

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an Investi- Later, as Chancellor of London

Directors and Executives of Municipal Mutual Insurance, 22 Old Queen Street, Londoo, at Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother will attend the annual meeting of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's Palace at 2.55. The Princess Royal will open the Sir Joseph Banks Building at

the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, at 10.35; and will speak at the opening of the Sports Coun-cil's conference "Recreation Management 1990" at Wembley Conference Centre at 1.30.

The Queen will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Ediohurgh, as Patron and Trustee of the Duke of Ediohurgh's Award Scheme, will attend a luncheon with the Directors and Executives of Municipal Mutual Insurance, 22 Cold Cueen Street London University, she will view an exhibition at King's College College Hospital, together with its Clinical Medical School, at 6.30 followed by a reception at the college at 7.35. Princess Margaret will visit the Aids Unit at Mildmay Mission

Hospital, E2, at 2.45. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, will open the extensions to Norwich High School for Girls, Norfolk, at 11.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patroo of Bliss (Baby Life Support Systems), will attend the Supermum of the Year

luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.40.

#### The Chartered **Institute of** Building

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) announces that the following members have transferred to the Fellow class and are entitled to use the designation FCIQB:



#### Dinner

Pinmbers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended the annual dinner
of the Plumbers' Company held of the Plumbers' Company held last eight at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr M.G. Wayman, the Upper Warden, Mr R.D. Mann, and the Renter Warden, Mr G.W. Bambrough, received the guests. The Master presided and the Lord Mayor, the Upper Warden and Professor Sir Richard Harrison also spoke American ard Harrison also spoke. Among others present were:

Sir Colin Cole (Carrier Principal King of Arma), the Masters of the Wax Chandlers', Cardenlers', Cordwainers' and Solicitors of the Master Mariners' Company, Companies, the Deputy Master of the Master Mariners' Lieutenant, Commander J R Wille, Lieutenant, Colonel G Birdwood and Mr E T Harthill.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr
Denis Thatcher wer hosts at a
reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street.

### SCIENCE REPORT Tracing a gene from the past

Mr Roy Cellard, Director of Studies, Oundle School, to be Head Master of Bristol Cathedral School from September, in succession to Mr Christopher Martin, who becomes Head Master of Millfield School. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has announced the following captial, San'a, who lived there appointments:
Miss V. K. Timms to be more than 200 years ago. Minister (Agriculture) in the Office of the UK Permanent Representative, Brussels.

Mr C. J. A. Barnes to be Under

sleuthing started when Yosef Shiloh, of the Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, and colleagues analysed the incidence of a disease called phenylketonuria that is particularly prevalent among Yemeni Jews (Nature vol 344, pp 168-170).

Many human societies, for religious, geographical or social reasons, do not intermarry with the rest of the population and, as a result, often accumulate a distinctive palette of

Phenylketonuria (or PKU, as it is known) is an uncommon but severe genetic disease that is relatively widespread among the Jews of Yemen, who existed as an isolated and close-knit ethnic community in this otherwise particular places. The pattern Islamic corner of the Arabian of fragments left when a gene Peninsula for many centuries, before a mass emigration to Israel in 1948.

PKU results from a mutabreak down the chemical make this vital enzyme. Brain ite Jews.

Affected individuals posses two copies of the mutant PKU

This story of laboratory gene, one inherited from each gene expertise and old-fashiooed parent. PKU affects one io Jews. 10,000 babies born, but the incidence is twice as great among Yemeni Jews, and some isolated communities in Ireland and the west of Scotland.

Yemeni ancestry. Although PKU in Yemeni Jews. This result came from a

study of small, inherited vari- tered across Yemen. ations in the PKU gene. These variations can be picked out using restriction enzymes, a special class of enzymes from bacteria that cut genes in is digested - or restricted - with these enzymes is the signature of that particular gene variant.

Each different version of the tion in the gene for a liver PKU gene has its own specifie enzyme that the body uses to restriction pattern by which it can be recognized: only one of constituent of the normal found in the Yemeni human diet. As a result of the community, so the same mumutation, people with the tant PKU gene accounts for all defective PKU gene cannot cases of PKU among Yemen-

The origin of a debilitating damage and varying degrees of Because the researchers genetic disease that afflicts mental retardation may result, knew exactly where in the Israel's community of Yemeni unless the child is kept on a gene the bacterial enzymes cut Jews has been traced back to a strict and expensive diet for at citizen of the North Yemen least the first decade of life. pinpoint the region that is missing in the mutant PKU gene unique to Yemenite

The scientists also found single copies of the mutant PKU gene in otherwise healthy Yemenis. Out of 200 chosen at random, five people were found to carry the mu-Shiloh and colleagues tant PKU gene. That all PKU delved into the genetic her-itage of all Israeli families of gene suggested that the gene gene suggested that the gene was inherited from a common there are several versions of ancestor. By identifying carrithe mutant PKU gene in the ers and interviewing members population at large, the of the community about their researchers found that only family history, the researchers one of these is responsible for traced the PKU mutation back to 25 separate Jewish families in communities scat-

Further study of the communities' records showed that all these families came originally from Yemen's capital, San'a. The families began to move from San'a in 1762 and the process continued into the present century. The original PKU mntation

from which all others in today's Yemeni Jews are descended arose - probably spontaneously - in an individual living in San'a before the phenylalanine, a ubiquitous the several known could be beginning of the eighteenth

Peter Tallack

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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	-	The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his spirits; he	WILLIS FLEMING - On March 16th 1990, to Julie (née		MILLS - On March 16th.	WARWICK - On March 16th	BIRTHDAYS	FOREITE	North Co.	OVERSEAS TRAVEL	LEGAL NOTICES
	•	has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to held the broken-	Carter) and Adam. a daughter, Victoria Amy.	Clarice, Devoted mother, grandmother and sister. Very dearly loved by all her	peacefulty at St Luke's Hospi- tal. Maita, Mordaumi, much loved brother of Ottille de	1990, peacyfully in hospital after a short illness. Frank, beloved husband of Marjory	PINISPAIS	FOR SALE	PENTALS	OATESTUS IRVAEL	
		hearted, to announce release to those in prison, and free-	WISEMAN - On March 4th, to Jame and Paul, a daughter.	family and friends. Funeral: Bushey on Tuesday March 20th at 1 pm. Prayers at 8	Lothinière Hudey and Verity Forsyth. Donations if desired	and father of Margaret and Angela. Life President of Joseph Samuel and Sons	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	TICKETS	THE	*IT'S ALL AT*	IN THE MATTER OF RITZ PUB- LISHING COMPANY LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RITER 1996 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice
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		York, to Richard and Judy, a son. Richard Harries, a	Antony Schomberg Byng. Funeral Service in the Church of Lady St Mary.	Tom and Janet. KARAM - On March 12th	James F.B. O'Shea M.C. aged 74 years. Funeral Service at St Johns Church,	James Garlickhythe, Upper Thames Street, EC4, at 12 noon on April 20th. There	to-measure marriage bureaux* (S.Tel.) Est. 1960. Katharine Allea, 18 Thayer St. London W1M 8LD Tel 01-935 3115.	CLAPMAN prof F. n/s, 25+. o/t. share but house, all amenities, £245 pent inc. 01-228 8976	Birch & Co 01 734 7432	entering into travel	Beautort Buildings, Spa Road, Gloucester, GLI 1XD, both Li- censed Insolvency Practitioners.
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·		daughter. Olivia Catherine Lucy. FLORENGE - On March 16th.	be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Lid., St Michaels Road, Wareham	in-law of Robert and grandfather of Emma. Funeral in Lebanon on	655000 or donations by members to the Fellowship. PARRY WILLIAMS - On	Company and state their intentions regarding lunch.	TICKETS	PLATINEK London's most Suc- cessful Flaishare Agency re- quires quality flat/house shares	3 bedrooms a mail study	WINTER SPORTS	on we der Louisier Terrace Lon- don we der and Nigel Halls. FCA. John Liquidator, Coopers and Lybrand Delotte. Language
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	•	Alexander. PITTARD - On March 13th, to	Cornwall, by .0 am please, CROSBY - On March 17th.	grandfather, aged 93. Funeral private.	prn. Enquiries to Philips Funeral Services, (el. (0727) 51006.			W14 Double room, good facilities & garden, or tube, £400 pcm + bills, Tel: 01-741 5237,	cond overlooking communal pine, avail 1 year, £300 pw. tel 01-589 9715.	tered hol, Vertier/Champers/ Apr avail, 01-871 5117, AVAILABILITY & bargains in ca-	Terrace (2nd Floor), London W2 SLF, on Wednesday the 26th day or March, 1990 at 12,00 poon for
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		High Wyrombe Hospital. to	ELPHICK - On March 17th, peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.	aged 93. Formerly Town Clerk of Gloucester and Sun- derland, very dear husband	nations if desired for Motor Neurone Disease Associa- tion, may be sent to T & 1		PHANTOM, ASPECTS.	E2.000 pw, Burgess 581 5136, ACCOMMODATION UNGENTLY	eve 733 0099 X 2140 day.  W. HARPSTEAD, Lux 5 rm trais. 1280 pw. Also thi 180/mgl 250, 01-625 9404/436 2910.	£159, 1st April £159, Children under 15yrs - 50% off brothure price in selected resorts, 01 584 6823 John Morgan 5ld, ABTA	sumt in Section 98 of the imot- vency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above
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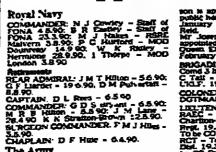
Crowds gated on the familiar exterior yesterday, noting that the huge gilt letters still remained in position, though they were begrimed as a result of the flames, that the Union Jack was still flying, and that little appeared changed except the done, which had lost its glass. Inside, however, another picture showed itself, but this was withheld from the curious sightseers by a strong guard

of police.
Of the famous galleries ranging from the Grand Hall, nothing refrom the Grand Hall, nothing remains but charred wood and fantasucally twisted from Priceless relics. pergeously robed figures, ornate decorations - all have vanished. The flour is thickly covered by a mixture of ashes, wax and water. One noted the iron frame of a pianoforte, which was all that remained of a Bechstem concert grand. The great pipe-organ

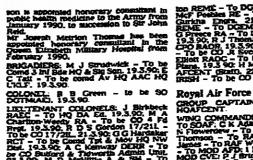
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Criminals are easily procurable
(expecially when the moulds exist, as
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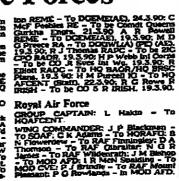
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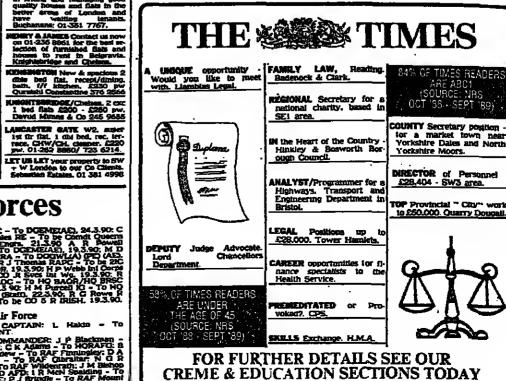
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Honorary appointments







Terry Hands, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, argues that the subsidized theatre's prime duty is to new writers

English language in the 17th century they instigated the growth of a dramatic literature unmatched in scope and richness. While the Germans got on with their music and the talians their painting, the British wrote poetry and plays. Any contemporary subsidized company could huild its entire repertoire for a decade out of home-grown classics and still leave hundreds of plays untouched.

On the whole that is what most companies do, and they accept Press castigation for parochialism with a good grace. It is refreshing, therefore, to be criticized by Benedict Nightingale (Arts Page, March 6) for not being parochial enough.

He is right to eulogize the classics of modern drama that had their first performance in the subsidized theatre, but is he right to task the National Theatre and the RSC for not reviving more of them in the last 30 years? Some were not even written that long ago.

If we take the last 10 years as a more reasonable measure, then revivals have not been infrequent. The RSC, for instance, has revived 10 modern classics in that time including The Devils and Penny For a Song by John Whiting, *The Fool* and *Lear* by Edward Bond, and *The Party* by Trevor Griffiths. An average of one a year seems to me pretty reasonable. Should we be reviving Good by C.P. Taylor? We were still performing the original production in 1982. Should we already be reviving Ayckbourn while he still nourishes us with brilliant new plays year after year?

More important, if these classics are "certain to seize the mind and feelings as boldly as any with Benedict Nightingale here - then is it not an opportunity for the commercial theatre "to see how seaworthy such vessels remain"?

Surely it is essential that the subsidized theatre should remain predominantly the seedbed of really contemporary writing --writing even more "bang beneath our educated noses" than the classics Benedict Nightingale so reasonably extols. If we take again the last 10 years, the record is exceptional. The RSC alone has produced over 70 new plays in that time. If you add the National Theatre and the Royal Court the number would probably more than double. Not all have been successful, but among them we can number David Edgar's remarkable Moydays, Nichols's Poppy, Barnes's Red Noses, Poliakoff's Breaking The Silence — all award-winners. Which is more exciting? To take an academic second look at Luther, or wait for what Wertenbaker will write next, or Nick Dear, Nicholas Wright, David Lan, or Peter Flannery?

hese days, to produce new plays at all is a risk. They are not "cost effective" - rarely "profitable", hardly "business-like". It is difficult to raise sponsorship for a play that questions the status quo or is by its very nature untried. For the public, the unique poetry of Howard Barker or the spare articulacy of Edward Bond may require effort. The rewards are great but the commitment must be twoway. Even critics somenimes have difficulty with plays for which there is no previous

Yet new writing and new writers are the future of our theatre. They require more help, more patience, more generosity. The play you see today may be part of a learning process, the next may be a hit. But the writer needs performance to progress, and we cannot always expect instant mass appeal. Nor should we. Which is why the Royal Court, for instance, needs a higher percentage subsidy than either the National Theatre or the RSC.

New plays sometimes outlive their own periods, but even that may not be an absolute criterion of success. They should speak immediately to their own time in the language of their own time, Benedict Nightingale aptly describes such plays as needing to embody "the anxiety, pain, frustration, challenge, comedy and occasionally even exhilarations of living in times that raise a million private and public questions and definitively answer none". That is indeed the role of the modern playwright; but it requires subsidy and thanks to subsidy we still have more living writers practising than any other European country, and plays second

Subsidy levels, after five years of cuts in real terms, are now perilously low. As Richard Wilding said in his report, companies have reached "the point at which they can no longer put on programmes of the high international standard rightly expected of them". Nor, he might have added, the high national standard to which the public has grown accustomed. Unless this trend is reversed, plays like Hare's National Theatre Racing Demon or Flannery's RSC Singer would simply be too risky to

I am all for cherishing the recent past, but not at the expense of the immediate future. If anybody is to be chastised for neglecting their duty it may be the subsidizing authorities rather than under-subsidized theatre companies.



Antony Sher, in the RSC production of Singer by Peter Flannery

### Choosing not to make a drama out of a crisis

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

> Mill Fire Riverside Studios

Half-way through Sally Nemeth's sensitive, intelligent but somewhat mnted study of bereavement and grief, my mind drifted to an older play on the subject, D.H. Lawrence's Widowing of Mrs Holroyd.

At its climax a woman washes the body of her husband, killed in the local coalmine. In life she disliked him, and was planning to go. His death transforms her feelings into a barely definable blend of pain, regret, self-pity, recrimination, self-accusation and

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workers and their wives. One couple seem to spend their leisure hours snuggled in bed, sleeping or making fairty sensational love. Another is in disarray, with the husband apparently impotent and his wife drunkenly preparing to leave him. When the furnace explodes, with a roar that makes Riverside quake and judder, it is Clare Holman's happy Marlene

and not Rosalind March's troubled Sunny who ends up widowed. truded on something appallingly intimate and profound; and it would be highly unreasonable to expect Nemeth, promising young dramatist though she is, to match it. However, she has funked the Marlene's feelings are strong and not uninteresting. She comes to an anniversary service wearing an unsuitable red dress, she has

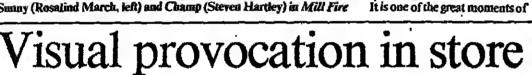
erotic conversations with her dead husband, and she refuses the compensation offered by the steel company. In other words, she cannot come to terms with a loss made doubly difficult by a nurse's refusal to let her lie with Steven Hartley's badly burned Champ and watch him die. It is a fine study of a sorrow too

unambiguous to renounce. There is, for instance, a particularly touching scene in which whitecoated nurses intone "we don't want to frighten you" and "we only want you to be prepared" while a stricken Holman reaches towards Hartley, stark naked on a trolley. Drama does not thrive on

Contradiction and conflict are what give it life - and what, sadly, Nemeth offers somewhat sparingly.

That is not to dispute her virtues, which include subtle observation, deft dialogue, and structural skill. The action cuts from past to present, bedroom to factory, hospital to church, and from the main characters to a three-woman chorus of blacksuited mourners, Helped by Brian Stirner's crisp, unsentimental direction, and performances lacking little but consistent Southern accents, the author successfully shows us what it is to get an emergency call at 2am, what it means to find your bed perma-

nently empty, and much else. Yet somehow it is oot quite enough. Nemeth is capable of emotional surgery more taxing. Next time perhaps she will cut



n a disused Peak Frean Shunning ordinary them feel that the pressure being put on them by galleries to sign in a sprawling collection of empty factories just south of Tower Bridge, bizarre preparations are in progress. Eight of Britain's most talented young artists have turned their backs, at least for a while, on the conventional opportunities offered by the plush West End galleries. Instead, they have been working round the clock for the past two months, preparing this vast, 7,500-sq ft area - more like an aircraft hangar than a prospective art gallery - for Modern Medicine,

a contemporary art show. News of Modern Medicine has been greeted with considerable interest in the art world. Norman Rosenthal, head of exhibitions at the Royal Academy, considers it to be an important landmark:
"What we are seeing here is a new generation of young, talented artists whose work will have a lasting significance. I think these people represent one of the most exciting developments in British art since the Lisson crowd got going."

It remains to be seen whether they become as important as the group of artists - Richard Deacon, Richard Long, Tony Cragg - discovered in the Sixties by Nicholas Logsdail, who still runs the Lisson Gallery. Sceptics anticipate no more than the 15 minutes of fame prescribed by the late Andy Warhol, whose influence is

venues, eight young

artists have taken over an old factory to mount their

own exhibition. John Stock reports

evident in much of their work. But one significant factor is that seven of the artists in Modern Medicine studied at Goldsmiths' Art School, currently riding the crest of a wave. Inspired teaching, combined with a highly pro-fessional approach to marketing students' work, has created something of a myth about the place. Despite criocisms of "yuppie art", an increasing number of its gradu-

ates is being represented by London's leading dealers. Goldsmiths' popularity is still rising, and with it the pressures on a number of its graduates to sign up with West End galleries. The decision to stage Modern Medicine in Bermondsey has been, in many ways, a reaction to those pressures. Carl Freedman, one of the organizers, explains: "Everybody here is very young. A lot of

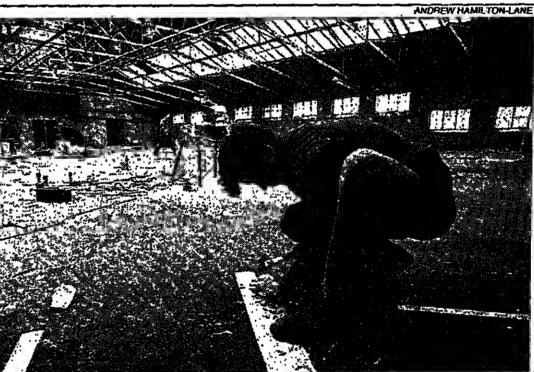
often long-term contracts is too early; it's unnecessary."

After graduating from Gold-smith's last year, Damien Hirst, 24, was approached by a West End gallery. More significantly, Charles Saatchi, owner of the largest collection of contemporary art in the world, has bought one of Hirst's works. Why has he decided to exhibit in Bermondsey?

"At this point, I need to be as fluid as possible; this is where you can still experiment. But I don't think it's a case of rather here than there. We are lucky to have this option; a lot of artists don't, and end up having to compromise."

Peek Frean moved away from the site last November, taking with them over one million Christmas puddings and leaving behind a number of huge, empty buildings. The sheer size of the venue has presented the artists with an opportunity to create works which could not be exhibited elsewhere. In one particularly extravagant piece, Mat Collishaw uses three projectors to throw a large (30 by 40 foot) image on to the far wall of an adjacent, equally

spacious, but unused room. Viewers will only be able to look at the image through a small, reinforced glass window in the door which links the two spaces. Microphones next to the un-



sighted projectors will relay the hum of the machines back outside to two small loudspeakers placed either side of the window.

Modern Medicine will be a provocative show; anyone who likes their art in oils and on canvas is in for a shock. Put simply, the thinking behind these artists is that, were he alive today, Leonardo would probably be working with computer graphics and photocopiers. As Collinshaw's piece suggests, this is an exhibition concerned with modern mechanics of visual communication.

Not all the pieces are as testing as Collinshaw's. Mostly Smiling, by Angus Fairhurst, 23, consists of a series of eight separate images (each measuring seven by five feet) exploring the composition of magazine photos. Eight small pictures of faces have been carefully magnified thousands of times until they resemble nothing more

Hammering bome a message? Angus Fairhurst, one of the eight artists preparing for Modern Medicine than a collection of coloured dots.

Remarkably, it is still possible to "read" the faces, but whether they are actually smiling or not is unclear. The viewer is left with the unsettling knowledge that, these days, intense feelings can be communicated through a series of

dotts on a page.

Modern Medicine is at the Tower Bridge Business Square, Drummond Road, London, SE16, from March 31 to May 16. Further details from 01-858 3179.

#### Grotesque plot overstretches young company and also that, in one scene, the

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The Wondrous Tale of Fanferlizzy Sunnyfeet Watermans Arts Centre

Since his appointment as principal of Trinity College of Music, the trumpet player, Philip Jones, has apparently been wielding his new broom with singular enthusiasm. One innovation has been the creation, with the conductor Rhonda Kess, of a music theatre group called A Moveable Feast,

CONCERT

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Krzysztof Penderecki's periodic British visits with the Cracow

Philharmonic continue to provide

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About 10 years ago, he switched

from being the world's most

flamboyant purveyor of avant-

musical style.

which has already tackled Ligeti's Aventures and Nouvelles

This time, the work the group performed was Kurt Schwertsik's pantomimic opera The Wondrous Tale of Fanferlizzy Sunnyfeet, composed in 1983 for Stuttgart Opera and performed here in David Drew's translation. The heroine of the piece, she whose name graces the ritle, is a good witch, played with abundant humour (in more senses than one) by Debbie Gordon.

I ought to add that the villain, Harum (Nigel Hodder), is a sex-maniac and demented murderer,

garde grotesqueries into a writer of syrupy scores that seemed just as

flamboyantly to affirm 19th-cen-tury notions of melody and har-mony. On Friday night we heard the Second Symphony, "Christ-

mas", which represents this latter

Simplicity comes perilously close to a kind of grandiose

banality here. Churning contra-puntal passages probably repre-sent the troubled world, while sentimental dollops of "Silent

Night" stand for the spirit of peace

style at its most blatant.

witch acts as midwife at the labour of her daughter Miss Go-To-Wed (Giselle Minns), who happens to be a goat and who, naturally enough, fails in love with Harum. There is also a hunchback, Hobblebuck Pompelerio, who gives Mark Williams the chance to display his aptitude for comic pathos. All this is staged as if improvised by a collection of customers at a Thirties speakeasy. You would have to be pretty high

to dream up such a tale. Schwertsik keeps things simple, tonal, and repetitive. His manner resembles Weill's theatre music,

and goodwill, creeping in where it gets the chance.

of the old avant-garde colour has returned to Penderecki's neo-Romantic chic. The 1982 Passa-caglia for Orchestra, though

beginning unpromisingly (approx-

imately three dozen grunts on a

single bass note), soon develops

into a hyper-active, virtuoso dis-

play piece, providing a showcase

for each section in turn. There are

long, angular solos for many wind principals, then the whole viola

More recently, however, some

though the dramatic absurdism of the piece sits more uncomfortably on the shoulders of this style than any Brechtian plot.

Perhaps it would be less jarring given a more assured and prosional performance than these young artists can yet deliver. Too often there were insecure mo-ments in the choruses and anxious sidelong glances at the conductor (placed on-stage with her small band), while the direction, also by Kess, was over-complex and the acting inexpert. Nevertheless, it was a good try, and certainly an initiative which should be encouraged.

section is tested with particular ferocity.

In the 1983 Viola Concerto, too, some of the instrumental effects, both for soloist and orchestra, are spectacularly weird. But the soloist always dominates, with a line (often left unaccompanied) that is charged with a scalding emotional

The Russian viola player, Grigory Zhyslin, played superbly - tackling the furious doublestoppings with the kind of manic energy they demanded - and the Cracow Philharmonic, despite its occasional rough edges, delivered the whole programme with great.

### Where are the wits?

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

A reader's postcard with a hand-some view of Land's End (presum-ably sent to show me precisely where to jump off) accuses me of not spending enough of this column considering television cornedy, to which the short answer is that I cannot find any. This is one of the most dire periods ever for television fun, with French, Saunders, Fry and Laurie all functioning below their best and the only genuine hilarity to be found in anguished ministers attempting to explain to Panorama the benefits of the poll tax.

What is surprising, though, is the number of interesting and excellent actors still prepared to plough through the rubbish being parcelled out to them by supposedly comic scriptwriters. The BRC has nearly shown up the BBC has neatly shown up the awfulness of Penelope Keith's new female MP series on ITV, for instance, by the simple device of repeating To the Manor Born.

They themselves are, however not a lot better off the chronically underwritten Don't Wait Up (BBC 1, Sundays) is only ever saved by the brilliant casting of veterans from the last golden era of stylish British stage and screen comedy (Dinah Sheridan, Tony Britton), or actors who were brought up with a healthy respec for it (Simon Williams, Nigel Havers); while on Mondays the ubiquitous John Bird is with Hannah Gordon and Peter Egan doing mouth-to-mouth resuscita-tion on a second series of Joint Account, which opened last night.

An exchange such as, "Where are my course notes?", "I thought all yours were terribly refined", does not inspire deep confidence in the writer, Doo Webb, who occasionally adds afterthoughts such as "This conversation seems to be disappearing into nowhere as though to alert us to the difficulties and dangers of being a

joke-provider to the Corporation. :: On Channel 4, although the TV Times's billing was extremely careful not to explain the fact, Cutting Edge last night departed from its series of first-run documentaries to screen a revised version of an Oscar-nominated film, first seen on BBC 2 five years ago. Bob Connolly's account of the First Contact between a remote tribe in Papua New Guinea and Australian explorers, in 1930, richly deserved its revival. This was not least for the moment when the Papuans discovered they were not the sole creatures on earth, and that white men were therefore not necessarily their dead come back to life as ghosts.

### Contrary of Marv

- HOCK: **Tony Patrick** 

Mary Coughlan Dominion

It is infuriating when a singer as talented as Mary Coughlan, whose lived-in voice and directness of technique are allied to an emotional honesty, fails to commu-nicate these qualities in full.

At the first of her London concerts last week, a combination of a top-heavy backing band, poor sound-mixing and an air of illpreparedness about the singer herself meant that her best was only fitfully evident. It would be unfortunate if she ever became showbiz-glossy, but is there not something equally false about being defiantly untogether and shambolic in her presentation?

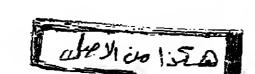
Coughlan is touring as her excellent third album, Uncertain Pleasures, is released, and the set featured almost all of its tracks, among which the two by Mark E. Nevin, "Red Ribbon" and "Leaf on a Tree", emerged relatively undamaged by the heavy-handed musicians and found her in good strong voice.

In a couple of songs, "Invisible" and "The Little Death", uncertain pitch and apparent confusion among the crowd on stage (anything up to a dozen at times) almost scuppered the enterprise altogether. "Man of the World", which has a teasingly interesting rhythm on record, was another victim of the occasion, its feet dragging and its jokey lyrics seeming merely vulgar.

Two guitarists and two backing singers looked and sounded like an indulgence; the former overan indugence; the former over-amplified and over-exposed, the latter under-amplified and given little to do. When the stage cleared a little and she sang with a minimum of backing, as on "I Can Dream, Can't I?" and "Leaf on a Tree" the made Tree", she made me remember why I had bought a ticket, and made the journey to the inhos-pitable Dominion, rather than staying at home with the CD

player. Such moments were few in a disappointing evening. Opportunities were missed and between-song remarks were mumbled. Only towards the end of the show and in the encores, particularly a larky "These Boots Were Made For Walking", complete with formation dancing, did I begin to feel that the good humour apparent on stage was communicated to the audience

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## A sharp edge to the Nineties

Barbarella bodysuits

and cut-outs may



Above left: Claude Montana's zipped trapeze ivory wool coat with high collar and band of yellow around hem Above centre: Yohij Yamamoto's three-dimensional geometric top in cream wool

Far right: Christian Lacroix's wool knit sweater and cycling

yond the humble parks, and there are designers with ideas starring in every show in Milan and London in recent weeks, the locker-room look of hooded sweatshirt and leggings risked running out of steam. Some structure was needed to pull together these basics of the contemporary casual uniform.

... As the Paris shows gained momentum this week, a sharp, chiselled silhouette stands out in strong, vivid colours. A new geometric line that looks as if it has been : drawa using a set-square and compass has emerged.

A circular cape collar unfolds around a short trapeze cost at Montana. Tubular skinny jackets mould the conof brown and aubergine.

With thigh-high boots and Barbarella all-in-ones seen in every collection, it could look like the Sixtics revisited. But the individual talents of top Paris fashion names are so confidently stamped that the line looks freshly minted for

PVC and vinyl panels and

here is fashion be- hemlines dipping to the back recall the style established in the Sixties by Courreges and Cardin. In 1990 Pierre Cardin. more stimulating both the man and his sculpted than the basic duffel. After cut, are back in fashion - a retrospective exhibition celebrating his 40 years in fashion opens at the Victoria & Albert Museum this autumn, It has been easy to dismiss Cardin as out of touch with fashion in recent years. In 1990, it looks as if his spaceage bodysuits and geometric cut-outs are in for a revival.

Christian Lacroix's signature silhouette is the trapeze. For 1990 it is a sugar pink or acid green thick wool cost, often with a loose drawstring detailing left slack at the waist, and worn over jazzypatterned or cable-knit leggings. Striped and banded skinny sweater dresses and in colour at Lagerfeld. Long heeled "trainers". Short printed velvet skirts clash with tours of a basic bodysuit at a jacket that is a colourful Gaultier and Chanel. Flashes patchwark of tweed. Romper of bright orange and acid green suits in taffeta and baby-doll punctuate the sombre shades smocks in printed silk and chiffin have a distinctly Six-Claude Montana looked

defiant as he strode down the catwalk at the end of a superb show at the weekend. Hurt by the harsh reception given to his first conture collection for Lanvin in January, he shrivelled his critics with a spot-on collection that lifted the recapes, thick-ribbed tights, and laxed, contemporary mood

dimensional cubes and circles

stitched on to dresses are also

clearly inspired by Cardin, as

were his cut-out pinafore dresses of last season

his remarkably controlled version of the contemporary look. Baby-doll smocks in lace and lame, Jacquard knitted bodysuits, perfectly cut, fitted

sound like the Sixties revisited, but the geometric. chiselled silhouette is completely fresh into high fashion. His colours are the yellows and oranges of Warhol flower paintings. Serare chain-frogged, but that is where he left behind the Sixties and took his collection into the Nineties. Neat scissored slashes in wool coats were held together with steel rivets for an angular, articulated movement. The series of white, thick wool coats banded in blocks of red and yellow at the hem were a nod to the inspiration of Cardin. Yohji Yamamoto's geometric shapes and three-

### French Blair

The British designer Alistair Blair, who stepped into the spotlight at the Paris shows with the announcement of his appointment as the new designer of ready-to-wear at Balmain, is no newcomer to Paris fashion. On leaving St Martin's School of Art he worked in the studios at Givenchy and Dior before joining Karl Lagerfeld at Chloe, and moving with him when he set up the Lagerfeld

When Blair established his own business in London in 1986, one of his first designs made front-page news when it was worn by the Duchess of York for the first official pictures of her engagement. Blair also designed a collec-tion for Jaeger, and a cash-mere line for Murray Allan. Blair will start at Balmain on April 1, and his first Balmain voire collection will be shown in Paris in October.

"In London I was criticized that my look was too French," he says. "I have spent nine years working in Paris and only three and a half in London. I am thrilled to be

#### Cerruti winners

Times readers are Cerruti fans. Most of you who joined in our Cerruti/Selfridges competitinn correctly gave 1881 as the year the company was fnunded. The winner, whn can choose a Cerruti suit, is Mr Richard Bowden of London SW8. The five runners-up are Mrs Michael Boxford nf London SW10, Mrs B.P. Miller of Dorking, Pasqualina Paddev of London N4, Lloyd Richardson of Peterborough, and Rajan Tejura of Ewell, all of whom will receive a bottle of Cerruti Eau de Toilette for men. All the winners also receive two tickets to see The War of the Roses, whose star, Michael Donglas, wears Cerruti clothes in the film.

#### Down, not out

Paris fashion is going underground. Ambitious plans are under way for a fashion centre gardens, opposite the Musée d'Orsay. The only visible part of the new Maison de la Mode will be the entrance and stairwell leading to exhibition halls, restaurants and car park. The current arrangement nf show tents pitched in a courtyard at the Louvre was always temporary. The unique plan for a permanent fashion centre establishes Paris as the capital of fashion. "It is time that we had a permanent place to present what we create," says Jacques Mouclier, president of the French Federation of

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pinstriped jackets - he showed them all, layered one Main picture, centre: Gianfranco Ferré for Christian Dior -- red leather swing jacket with high collar over red leather blouson and grey knit ski pants

Above left: Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel -- olive and cream hound's-tooth check coatdress with gilt over another. But taken as individual pieces these, like. the other sharply chiselled buttons and olive jersey scarf tied as a bow

Above right Valentino — green and gold brocade waisted coat with full skirt and wide black trousers clothes shown in Paris, add up Photographs by DENZIL MCNEELANCE



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indicated above, including events in the following seven days. Plus the Cinema Guide

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

#### MEM IN LONDON

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: Now 19850n opens with transfer of Barry Kyle's production, coolly received at last year's Stratford. Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2

(01-638 8891). Uniderground: Barbican/ Moorgate/St Paul's. Previews from Sat. 10pm. Then in repertoire. Previews and Thurs mats: £6-£15. After March 30: eves and Sat mats 29-£18.50

CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAYE Revolting es take over the super Patricia Brake and David Roper lead a revival of Dario Fo's anarchist farce. Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Set 4pm, £7.50-£12.50. Until March 31.

AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV: Anecdotes and mimicry from the man who has met everyone and can imitate most of them. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930

9832). Underground: Piccadity. Preview tonight, 8pm, Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Tues-Set 8pm, mat Sun 4pm, 28-£17.50. Until April 29.

THE GAMBLER: Compulsive's switch-back ride to disaster: black comedy with jazz. Last year's Subble The starts four week tour round the Fringe.

Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-568 1176). British Rail: Kew Bridge, Opens tonight, 8pm. Then tomorrow, Wed, March 26-31, 8pm. £5.95. March 26 (Mon): 2 tickets for the

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR: Tara Arts transposa Gogol from provincia Russia to the Raj: new tour of last year's ingenious production starts here. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, SW11 (01-223 2223). British Rail: Clapham Junction. Opens

tonight, 8pm, Then Tues-Sun, 8pm until April 1: Wed-Sun, 8pm until April 12, £5. HOW STEEPLE SINDERBY WON THE F.A. CUP: Or how a stage version of J.L. Carr's enjoyable novel about village giant-killers came from Worcester to Leatherhead and into London. Very

Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Underground: Blackfriars. Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, ats Thurs 3pm and Set 5pm, £6.50-

NEVER THE SINNER: Joss Ackland plays Clarence Darrow in latest version of the Leopold/Loeb "thrill kill" case. The play comes garlanded with awards from its 1985 Chicago production. e. Northumberland Avenue

WC2 (01-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens March 29, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat Spm. Previews and mats £5-£12.50. From March 29, eves £5-£16.

SINGER: Antony Sher plays a chameleon-like Jew clambering from Nazi camp to vast wealth in modern Britain; a dark comedy.

The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (01-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's Previews from Thurs, 7.30-10.30pm. Opens Fri, 7-10pm. Then in repertoire. Eves £12, mats £10.50.

#### CONTINUING

BUS STOP: Long wait for a journey to nowhere with Jerry Hall. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8pm, £5-



### Reborn out of a rubbish tip

ighty years ago, two Oxford papyrologists tracked down the fragment of a lost satyr play by Sophocles on a rubbish tip outside the ancient Egyptian town of Oxyrhynchus. These plays were lusty burlesques performed as a contrast after a group of tragedies in the Festivals, and only one other example has come down to us. Two years ago Tony Harrison, translator of *The Misanthrope* and *The Mysteries* for the National Theatre, incorporated the fragment in a play of his own, The Trackers of Oxyrhynchus, rehearsed it in the NT studio and directed it for one performance at Apollo's shrine in Delphi (as seen in our photograph, above). From Thursday his play starts previews at the Olivier in what some might call our closest equivalent to a

THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Judi Dench

and Ronald Pickup head a strong cast in

Sam Mendes's clear, almost jolly

Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden.

Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, mar Sat 4-6.30pm, £5.50-216.50.

EXCHANGE: Martin Jarvis heads the

cast in Michael Frayn's translation of

flat-searching and heart-searching in modern Soviet Union.

Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-

836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.45-9.55pm, Sat 8.15-10.25pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm,

JACKETS II: Last week of Edward

Bond's powerful, moving, angry play

about society's crooked fabric, set in a

riot-torn European city not unlike Lelcester, whara tha play was

Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388), Underground: Shep-

THE LIAR: Last week of Jonathan

Miller's spirited production of the sparky

over from Alex Jennings for the last

Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1

(01-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 7.45-9.45pm,

mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4-6pm, 27-

MISS SAIGON: Great musical, with

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, WC2 (01-836 8108). Underground: Covent Garden.

Mon-Sat 7.45-10.30pm, mats Wed and

NEW ANATOMIES: Revival of early

Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the life of Isabelle Eberhardt, Victorian explorer

and transvestite nomad (tonight, tomor-

row). In repertory with The Dutch

Courtesan (Sat, Sun) and The Diviners

(Thurs, Fri), a so-so Jacobean revival and a strained modern mid-West drama.

Road, SW3 (01-351 2876). Underground:

Sloane Square, then bus down the

THE PRICE: Welcome revival of Arthur

Miller's fine play where two brothers discover their dead father's character

King's Road. Tues-Sun 8.30pm, £5.

Jonathan Pryce; thrillingly staged.

Sat 3-5.45pm, £7-£22.50.

Corneille comedy. Nick Sampson take

herds Bush. Tues-Sun 8pm, 26.

performances.

long-running Moscow hit by Trifonov:

production. Last week.

shrine of drama. The original Ichneutae (The Trackers) tells how Apollo acquired his lyre and with it the means to enchant and dominate through song: Harrison cunningly uses this plot to convey the message of many of his poems, the power of language — Apollo ends up speaking grand RP (Received Pronunciation) — to lord it over rougher tounges, as spoken here by the Satyrs. Jack Shepherd and Barrie Rutter play the Oxford linguists caught up in the drama, and Brian Glover plays the infant Hermes. The Trackers of Oxyrhynchus, National Theatre, South Bank, SEI (01-928 2252). Previews from Thursday, 7.15pm, opens March 27, 7pm. Then in repertoire. £6-£15.50.

1.30pm, 27.50.

shot in the attic.

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Calder and Alan MacNaughtan. Last Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, 25-

#### **OUTSIDE LONDON**

BOLTON: Hedda Gabler. Haydn Gwynne plays the seething title-role in Chris-topher Hampton's NT translation. on, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Preview tomorrow, 7.30pm, Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Set 7.30pm, mat April 7, 2pm, £3-£6. Until

BUXTON: The Comedy of Errors. Uneven English Stage Company production but lovely to look at and the comic errors succeed with such eerily identical-twins. Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2,30pm, £4,50-£10.50.

Kneller and Joe Montana play Stein-beck's two farm workers whose odyssey ands in tragedy. Everyman, Regent Street (0242 572573). From Thurs, 7.45pm, Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, £4.50-£9.50. Until April 14.

CHELTENHAM: Of Mice and Men. Clive

CREWE The Winter's Tale. Manchester's Royal Exchange Mobile Theatre

Brush Strokes 11.54m Little and Large 11.22m

WORD-WATCHING

story used to political advantage, perpetuaring

advantage, perpetuating Baron von Roorback, fic-tional author of Roorback's Tour Through The Western and Southern States in 1836, used in subsequent

(a) A genus of woodlice or slaters, the Oniscidae, from the diminutive of the Greek ones a doakey: "The terrestrial oniscus frequents dark and concealed places, such and concealed places, such as college ones and bales.

as cellars, caves, and holes

(b) A flat-topped, submarine mountain, named after the

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tour starts here — a first visit to this venue — with Phylida Lloyd'a fine production. Shavington Sports Centre, Rope Lane (0270 663221). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Fri

GUILDFORD: The Wild Duck. Peter Half's strong company, led by Nichola McAuliffs, David Threlfall and Alex Jennings, tour with libsen 6 great drama about dreams, deception, and 6 pistol

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Milbrook (0483 60191). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm. Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Fri, Sat 2.30pm. Also mat March 29, 2.30pm. Eves £12-£12.50, mats £9-£14.50. Until

LIVERPOOL: Love at a Loss. Stylish production of Catharine Trotter's 1700 cornedy where three heroines prove more than a match for their menfolk. Endearing show; pretty white costumes. Everyman, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Tues, Wed and Sat 8pm, £2-£6. in rep with 'Tis Pity She's a Whore. MANCHESTER: The Crucible. David

Schofield, Beanor David, Barry Foster in what promises to be a quality production by Gregory Hersov. lange, St Ann's Square (061 833 9833). Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm,

mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £6.50-£13.

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**TELEVISION TOP 10** 

Breaklast beleviation: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least times minutes); BBC1: Breaklast Time: Mon to Pri 1.2m (7.4) TV-am; Good Morning Britain Mon to Pri 2.6m (12.7).

By Raymond Keene,

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Super VIP chess

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computer. How does

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White win quickly?

#### CABARET Carol Sarler

#### LONDON

BISCUIT TEN COMEDY CIRCUS, The Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham (01-751 4964), Wed-Fri: Doors 7.30pm, show Spm, £6. (Advance bookings only; credit card hotline: 01-892 3874), Jeremy Hardy is so far ahead of the comedy game at the moment that there is simply no-one else in his league; this solo show is an unmissable opportunity to see a true craftsman at work.

CITY LIMITS NEW VARIETY ACT OF THE YEAR SHOW, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (01-985 2424). Thurs: Doors 7.30pm, show 8.30pm, £3. This annual talent-spotting jamboree usually throws up a mixture of the dire and the delightful; past finalists have included The Two Marks, Hattle Hayridge and Keith Dover — comedy afficionados need look no further for the names of the

BANANA CABARET, The Bedford, Bedford HE, SW12 (01-673 8904). Fri, Set: Doors 7.30pm, show 9pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concs). Ronnie Golden is a master of entertainment, now adding musical improv to his singing and stand-up routine favourite; catch him in excellent company with Lee Evans, Charmian Hughes and abourd Scotsman Parrot.

CARTOON AT CLAPHAM. The Plough.

196-198 Clapham High Street, SW4 (01-738 8763). Fri, Sat: Doors 8.30pm, show 9pm, £4 (£3.50 concs). Consistently good bills at this venue continue this week a hilarlous mix of comedy and magic from Otto Camaelloni, with Marc Soda, Sean Locke, Roger Monkhouse and Phil D. Rogers (Pri) — spiendid satirist Pat Candell, with Keith Dover, Marc Soda and compere Mr Nasty (Sat). BORDERLINE, Break for The Border, Goslett Yard, 127 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-497 2261). Fri, Sat: Doors 8pm, show 9.30pm, £5. The Oblivion Boys, perhaps best known these days as the lads from the Carling Black Label ads, return to their all-too-rare and totally offthe wall live double act - supported by the infinite talents of fellow Wow Show member Lee Comes.

LAUDERDALE LUNCHTIME, Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, N6 (01-348 8716). Sun: 12:30-2pm. £1.50 (£1 cones), 50p children. Jon Hegley, Otiz Cannelloni and The Popticians provide their monthly dose of fun and games for a family audience (though children not

#### **OUTSIDE LONDON**

BRIGHTON: CROCODILE CABARET. The Concorde, Madeira Drive (0273 692960). Thurs: 9pm, £3.50 (£3 concs). Andy Smart (of The Vicious Boys) hosts the evening; guests include very visual clown Martin Soan and stand-ups Simon Bligh and Bernadine Corrigen.

COVENTRY: TIC TOC CLUB, Orchid Suite, Primrose Hill Street (0203 630877). Thurs, Fri: 9.30pm, £3.50 (£3 concs). The grossiy lovable fat-man Rendolph The Remarkable — aka Julian Clary's sidekick in C4's Sticky Moments -- will doubtless be displaying much of his surplus flesh in his gruesomely-compulsive comic set — with Mark Lamerr and Jenny Lecoet (Thurs). A sterling trio of differing talents in the shape of Jim Tavare, Mickey Hotton and Keith Dover do the second show this

RUBARINGHAM- MICH AND ART CENTRE. Cannon Hill Park (021 440 4221), Sat: 10.30pm, £4 (£3 concs). Jeremy Hardy above), takes his stunning show out of town for the night.

PORTSMOUTH: HORNPIPE ART CENTRE, 143 Kingston Road (0705 732236). Sat: 8pm, £4 (£3.50 concs). A grand double bill shared by "star of Sheffield", pacey stand-up Mark Hurst and luguidrious Deptford boy, John

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Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

#### NEW RELEASES

ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of A Guy Named Joe with Richard Drefuss as a dead pliot returning to earth. Plaza (01-497 9999).

CELLA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a reballious child in a restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 8148) Metro (01-437 0757) Odeon Kensington (01-602

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE Electric (01-792 2020).

Rough-and-ready black comedy about yupples trying to hide their boss a demise. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Säverm Odeons: West End (01-930 5252) on (01-602 6644/5) Swiss

(15): Muddled science fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual attacts. Cannons: Chelses (01-352 5095) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Prince Charles (01-437 8181).

**<b>DEORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY** excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Camden Parkway (01-267 7034) Connons: Baker Street (01-935

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornetore a nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies. Curzon Mayfair (01-465 8865).

DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but bolsterous cornedy-musical set in a Liverpool Cannon Chalses (01-352 5096)

8148) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324). **ADRIVING MISS DAISY (UI:** 

Southern lady with a black

apartheld's horrors. Powerful thritler from André Brink's novel. Curzon West End (01-438 4805). THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks Pfeitfer) and two cocktail pianists

**FAMILY BUSINESS:** Curate's egg comedy-drams about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Cesaden Parkway (01-267

**♦ GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's** Impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances. dsea (01-352 5096)

**HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS** (U): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special effects romp. Odeon Swise Cottage (01-722

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#### CINEMA GUIDE

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(12): imaginative Scottish version of Manfred Karge's play about unemployed youths finding new hope through fantasy. WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12):

Cottage (01-722 5905). ENCOUNTER AT RAVEN'S GATE

CURRENT

(18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Empire (01-497 9999) Gate (01-727 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

Jessica Tandy as the prickly

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• Sunday in the Park With Stephen (BBC1, 10.30pm) is an Omnibus study of the reigning monarch of the American musical, Stephen Sondheim, focusing on the two contrasting events which have brought bim to Britain. As the grandly titled Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre at Oxford University, he is shown teaching students about his craft. As the creator of Sunday In the Park With George, he awaits the show's British première at the National Theatre. Like the musical, which follows the painter Seurat as he constructs one of his masterpieces, Bob Portway's film is an essay on the process of artistic creation.



Stephen Sondheim: reigning monarch of the American musical (BBC1, 10.30pm)

• The strength of Stalin (TTV, 10.35pm). which this week covers the terror of the 1930s, continues to be its interview material and previously unseen archive film. The broad lines of the story - the famine, the labour camps, the relentless drive towards industrialization — are well known. But the documentary manages to squeeze out something fresh. It claims a scoop in tracking down an informer who shopped Bukharin and other old Bolsheviks to the secret police, while putting beyond doubt Stalin's involvement in the murder of Kirov, who was shaping up as a rival. On film we see human treadmills at work on a pet Stalin project, the Belomor Canal. Putting the case in Open Space (BBC2, 8.00pm) for a national dog registration scheme, an RSPCA film first pulls at the heart strings - showing unwanted stray dogs being put down and sent to the incinerator - and then rams the point home with cogent argument. The number of strays in Britain has doubled in 10 years and the RSPCA is having to destroy 1,000 a day. If dogs had to be registered, it claims, owners would be

most European countries have it. Concluding its survey of British teenagers Almost Grown (BBC2. 9.50pm) takes up the theme of protest against the bomb, racism, sexism, the Vietnam War and environmental pollution. A kaleidoscope of personal memories, film and music presented without commentary, the effect is more impressionistic than analytical. But the material is often fascinating and includes a pricelessly patronizing clip on "woman power" from the Look At Life series.

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9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kiroy-Silk chairs a topical discussion
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays at the Playdround Stop 18.00
Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Nicola Pagett with a reading

11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air, Gioria Hunniford and Jayne
Irving follow up callers' comments
12.00 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live. Magazine series
presented by Judi Spiers and
Andy Craig 12.55 Regional news
and weather

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbou
There is a dramatic change in
Helen's condition; and there is a
surprise for Jane when Mark
takes her for a promotic pichic lar

takes her for a romantic picnic lunch (Ceefax) Going for Gold. European cuiz show hosted by Henry Kelly.

2.15 Film: Guilty Conscience (1985)
starring Anthony Hopkins, Blythe
Danner and Swoosie Kurtz. A
lawyer plotting the murder of his wife
is unaware that there are plans
for his own doeth. Directed by Decid for his own death. Directed by David Greene. (Ceefax)

Greene. (Ceefax)
3.50 Bodger and Bedger (r) 4.05
Hokey Wolf (r) 4.15 What's Your
Story? with Sylvester McCoy
4.30 Bananaman (r) 4.35 The Really
Wild Show. Today a star is Suzie
the chimp. Terry Nutkins and Chris
Packham discuss the difference
between monkeys and apes and
there is the opportunity to meet
an arti-lion (Ceefax)
5.00 Mewsround 5.05 Gruey (r)
6.30 What's Your Story?
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax)
4.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines 7.00 Holiday 30. The names of the three winners of the Holiday 90 competition will be drawn. Kathy Tayler discovers more than fjords and fish in Norway, six youngsters travel to the Philippines to compete in this year's Young Travel Writers' Competition, and Gillien Reynolds looks for a cheap holiday in Greenwich. Presented by Anne Gregg and Earnonn Holmes (Ceefax)

7.30 EastEnders. Dot is unaware that
Mo's new lodger is Nick; Michelle has
some sound advice for Pauline
and Arthur, and Pat makes a special
effort with Janine (Ceefax)

8.00 To the Manor Born. Audrey
discovers that Richard DeVere was
actually born Bedrich Polouvicki.
Starting Remalors, Keith and Bischard

Starring Penelope Keith and Richard Bowles (Ceefax) (r)

8.30 A Question of Sport, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are Joined by Watter Swinburn, Kay Morley, John Barnes and David Sole. David

Coleman is the questionmaster. (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Budget 1990. A statement by the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, John

9.40 Making Out. Queenle attempts to raise Chunky's bail, and Pauline suggests to Jill that Frankie is having an affair with his secretary (Ceefax) 10.30 Omnibus: Sunday in the Park

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with Stephen (see Choice)
11.20 Film 90 with Berry Norman.
Includes reviews of Tango and Cash,
starring Sylvester Stallone and
Kurt Russell, and Steven Spielberg's
first love story Always, starring
Richard Dreyfuss. Plus a special
location report from Glasgow
where The Rich Man directed by

where The Big Man, directed by David Leland, is set 11.50 See Heart Clive Mason and Maureen Denmark with a review of today's Budget, with special emphasis on the benefits and taxes which will affect those with hearing difficulties

6.00 TV-am begins with News and
Good Morning Britain presented by
Richard Keys and, from 7.00 by
Mike Morris and Lorreine Kelly. With
news at 6.20, 7.20, 7.30, 8.30,
8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes
Merril Thomas discussing spring
and summer fashion
9.25 The Pyramid Garse hosted by
Steve Jones 9.55 Tharses News and
wasther

weather
10.00 The Time. . . The Place. . . Anna

Soubry presides over a topical discussion 10.40 This Morning, Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion advice; an update on

richard Madeey. Total s editors includes fashion advice: an update on the Windsors; needlecraft ideas; and David Bellamy examining hedgerows and heathland. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.00 Find a Family. George Cole introduces 15-year-old Andrew from Scotland
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. For the young 12.30 Home and Away. Tom and Pippa ruin Carly's romantic plans for Andrew, Morag tells Nigel the reason why she hates Bobby
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.30 Santa Barbera. Eden and Augusta decide that they want Sophia out of Santa Barbera. Eden and Augusta decide that they want Sophia out of Santa Barbera. Barbera; and Mason arranges a summit meeting

2.00 TV-Weekly. Anne Diamond takes her weekly look at the soaps, films and dramas of the past seven

2.30 Take the High Road. Emma is ecstatic about getting her driving licence; Sir John discusses the future with Fiona; and Claire makes:

future with Fiona; and Claire makes a decision that precipitates tragedy.

3.00 Budget 90 introduced by Alastair Stewart with live coverage of John Major's first Budget speech

5.40 News with Trevor McDonald. Weather

6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.25 Thames News and weather.

7.00 Enumerdale. Kate and Sarah stop fighting with Joe over the use of steroids on the farm; Frank has to run the farm stope: Kathy and

run the farm alone; Kathy and Christopher are involved in a car chase (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports with Paul Greene, Susan Osman, Marcus Powell, Graham Tearse and Bill

Powell, Graham Tearse and Bill Wigmore

8.00 The Bilt: University Challenge.
When PC Stamp happens on a supermarket robbery, two of the robbers escape. One is Dunlop, a known petty thief, the other, Burnside believes, is a well-known ex-convict turned media personality (Oracle)

8.30 After Henry: Party Politics.
Eleanor is determined to show her social skills by throwing a party.

social skills by throwing a party.
She mistakenly believes that she can keep Sarah in the dark but her problems start when Vera Poling involves herself in the

preparations 8.00 Chancer: Hazard. Crane and Jo have both been fired, but when Crane saves a shipment of cars from a saves a supment of cars from a bankrupt foreign dealer he is offered a job at Douglas Motors. Jamie Douglas has deserted from the Foreign Legion but his father has hired a private detective to find him

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather followed by Thames News and

10.35 Budget 90. John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, talks 10.45 Stalin (see Choice)

followed by Crimestoppers
11.50 Seconds Out. Tony Francis presents boxing from the Sports Village in Norwich. The top bout is a light-weiterweight rematch between Tony McKenzie and Benji

12.50am Film: Eyes of Laura Mars (1978) starring Faye Dunaway and Tommy Lee Jones. A highfashion photographer has premonitons of her friends' deaths. Directed by Irvin Kershner 2.45 Donahue. Shere Hite discusses why many women are dissatisfied with their emotional relationships

3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club general knowledge quiz hosted by Ross King
4.10 Entertainment UK. The weekly guide to the latest music, films, theatre and dance across the

5.10 ITN Moming News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

#### :::C2 7.10-7.35 Open University: The Main Frame and the Micro 6.00 News 8.15 Westminater with Peter Mayne 9.00 Ceefax.

9.25 Deytime on Two: German for beginners 9.40 Glasgow's artistic heritage 10.00 Science for the young 10.15 Learning to read 10.40 Industrial case studies 11.00 Britain 40 years ago 11.15 Learning about responsibilities 11.35 The development of a new look for a well-known prohestra 11.35

development of a new look for a well-known orchestra 11.55
Preparing for the birth of a baby
12.15 How metals are being
replaced by plastics 12.35 The
problems of over-production in
south-west France 12.55 Italian for
beginners 1.20 The Adventures
of Spot 1.25 Floella Benjamin looks
at festivals and parties 1.40 The
Call of the Sea

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r)
2.15 Budget 90 Special. Live coverage of John Major's first Budget speech, with immediate reactions from Neil Knnock, leader of the Opposition politicals and Opposition, politicians and financial experts. Presented by David

6.00 Film: The Spy in the Green Hat (1966) starring Robert Vaughin and David McCallum. Danger strikes when the UNCLE duo who are sent to Sicily. Directed by Joseph

Sargent
7.35 Billio (b/w) starring Phil Silvers (r)
8.00 Open Spece: A Shabby Dog Story
(see Choice)
8.30 Food and Drink. Michael Barry
prepares a splendid Sunday Linch,
and Jilly Goolden and her guest
Oz Clarke give advice on the wines to
watch out for this summer
0.00 Quantum Leap. A failed
experiment leaves Sam Beckett
travelling back in time to 1955,
where he emerges in America's Deep
South. He takes on the identity of
an elderly black man and an elderly black man and experiences racism at first hand. Starring Scott Bakula.

9.50 Aimost Grown (see Choice) 10.30 Budget 1990. A statement from John Major, the Chancellor of the

Exchequer

10.40 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman

11.25 The Late Show. Jeremy Issacs
talks to journalist and poet James Feriton, who reported on the Vietnam and Cambodian conflicts

12.10 Budget 1990. Peter Mayne reviews today's Budget. Ends at

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today

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#### CHANNEL 2 6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools
18.00 The Parliament Programme
presented by Sue Cemeron
12.30 Business Daily with Susannah

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series 2.00 The Senior Service. Information and advice for older viewers including Stoty Not Out. Shaw Taylor presents a new series of topical documentaries (Oracle)
2.45 Black Forest Clinic. German

medical drama series (r) 3.35 Murun Buchstansangur. Cartoon

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3.40 The Oprah Wintery Show. Who should pick up the bill after a night on the town?

4.20 Countdown with Richard Whiteley

5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage Western series starring Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels

8.30 4th Dimension. Science series presented by John Durant and Caron Keating (r)

6.00 Gopheral American comedy series

5.30 The Coeby Show. Cliff invites
Theo's teacher to dinner (r)
7.00 Chennel 4 News. A special
Budget day edition with Jon Snow
and Nicholas Owen. Weather

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8.00 Not Pote: The Jewellers Precious Time. A look at the way the
crafts have changed over the last
decade (Oracle)

8.30 Travelog. In conight'a final
programme Diane Kenwood reports
on self-catering cottages in
Normandy and looks at what to do if
your holiday goes wrong.
Presented by Bernard Falk. (Oracle)

9.00 Out on Tuesday. This week'a
edition of the gay and lestblan
magazine includes a look at
Melanie Chait'a new film Sex 121 and Melanie Chait'a new film Sex 121 and the Guleg and a profile of British artist Alan Descuza

10.00 Nightingsies: Opening Night.
Sarge is feeling under the weather so
the boys seek the advice of Swan,
a medical student who has a stranga
relationship with the moon
10.30 Rock Steady. Nicky Horne and
Dave Fanning introduce the live rock

music show 11.30 Absolutely. Off-beat comedy

series (f)

12.15am Film: The Bingo Long
Travelling Alf-Stars and Motor Kings
(1976) starring Billy Dee Williams,
James Earl Jones and Richard Pryor. Comedy about a black baseball player who is unfairly dismissed from his team. Directed by John Badham. Ends at 2.15

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11.30 Out On Tuesday 12.30mm Codes.
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2.40 Eye of the Arist 3.00 Live At Times 4.00
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Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Sk-Cier 7.00 Video
File 7.30 Major Dad 8.00 Here And Now 8.30 Check Up
9.00 News 9.30 Today Toright 19.10 Open Eye 11.10
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News, Close.

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VARIABLE ONE

#### News on the hour. News on the hour. 5.00am International Business Report - Sky Budget '90 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 International Business Report 10.30 Frank Bough 11.30

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Beyond 2000

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

• All films will be scrambled

2.00pm Miracle at Moreaux: In Second
World War occupied France, a nun and her
young charges harbour a group of
Jewish children escaping from the Nazis

2.00 Mom and Ded Can't Hear Me: A
young girl's parents are deaf and mute

4.00 The Steam Driven Adventures of
Riverboat Bill: Animated adventure

6.00 Helto Again (1987): Shelley Long as
a housewife who is brought back from the
dead by her mystic sister

7.40 Entertainment Tonight

8.00 Frantic (1988): An American doctor

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10.00 976 Evil (1988): A teenager
becomes involved in a sinister "dial-ahoroscope" service
11.45 Call Me (1987): Patricia

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Charbonneau as a woman who receives a series of phone calls which draw her into a world of organized crime
1.30 mm All about Eve (1950): Bette
Davis es a fading Broadway star who forms a plan to deal with the cynical theatrical folk who surround her. With Marilyn Monroe
4.00 M\*A\*S\*H (1970): Starring Donald
Sutherland and Elliott Gould. Ends at 6.00am

#### EUROSPORT

5.00am International Business Report
5.30 European Business Report 6.00 The
DJ Kat Show a.30 Menu 9.00 NHL toe
Hockey: Los Angeles Kings v Philadelphia
Riyers 1 1.00 International Motor Sport
12.00 Ringside — Superbouts: a 1979 bout
between Vito Antuotermo v Marvin
Hagler in Las Vegas, USA 1.00pm Volvo
Showjumping 2.00 International
Athletics 3.00 World Cup Cycling: Milan-San
Remo Rece 4.00 Collega Basketball Remo Race 4.00 Collega Basketbali 5.30 Goals 6.00 Eurosport — What A Week! 7.00 Wheels 8.00 Ski Flying World Championships 9.00 WWF Superstars of Wresting 10.00 Basketball 12.00 Snooker

6.00em Kristiane Backer 11.00 Kristiane Backer 1.00mm Paul King 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Paul King 4.30 Coca-Cota Report 4.45 Paul King 6.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.30 Yo!7.00 Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV 8.00 Ray Cokes 8.30 Top 20 10.00 Coca-Cola Report 10.15 Maiken Wexo 1.00mm Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Football 8.45 Pro Bowlers
10.00 US Professional Boxing 11.30
College Basketball 1.00pm Rugby
League 2.30 Ice Speedway 3.30 US Pro
Ski Tour 4.00 Ice Hockey 6.00 Football
7.00 Football 6.30 Pro Box 10.30 A Game
from the '89 Baseball World Series

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

#### RADIO 1

FM Stareo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 3-30, 8-30 and 10,00pm 5-00mm Jakki Brambles 6-30 Smon Mayo 9-30 Smon Bates 12-30pm Newsboat 12-45 Gary Davies 3-00 Steve Wright in the Attention 5-30 News 90 6-00 Philip Schoheld 7-30 The Classic Albums, Crosby, Stills and Nash 8-30 John Peel 10-00 Nicky Campbell 12-00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Richard Skinner

#### RADIO 2

News on the hour (9.00pm, FM only), 4.30pm, 5.30. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, Headines 5. 7.30, 8.30

4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Gloria Hunniford 1.50pm David Jacobs 3.00 Budget Special 6.50 Adnan Love 6.56-7.00 Sport and Classified Results (arm) only) Classified Results (MW onty)
7.00 The Radio Orchestra Show
8.00-9.30 Football Special
(MW onty) 9.00 When Housewives
Had The Choice 19.00 Solid
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Round Midnight 1.00mm Nightride
3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

#### WORLD SERVICE

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6.35mm Open University (FM cniy) 5.55 Weather and News 7.00 Morning Concert: Holst (St Paul'e Suite: RPO under Malcolm Sargent); Chopin (Two Waltzes, Op 69: Vladmir Ashkenazy); Bellini (Oboe Concerto: Peterborough String Orchestra, with Nicholas

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (com):
Rossini (Overture, The
Barber of Seville: National
PO under Chailly); Gossec
(Tambourin: Michala Patri, recorder. Hanne Petri, herpschord, David Petri, cello); Mozart (Ptano Concerto in 8 flat. K 450: Liszt CO, with Desző Ránki, piano); Britten (Simple Symphony: ECO under the compose)

8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Stenhammar (Two Sentemental Romances for violin and orchestra, Op 28: Swedish RSO under Stig Westerberg, with Arve Tellelsen, violin; The Gri Returned from Meeting Her Lover: Elisabeth Söderström, soprano, Jan Eyron, pigno; in the Woods; A Ship is Selling; Kerstin Mayer, mezzo, Jan Eyron, pieno; Moonight; Sylvia Lindenstrend, soprano, Thomas Schuback, piano; Desce Abdide of the Lamo; Phones Aladdin of the Lamp: Hakan Hagegard, bartone, Thomas Schuback, piano; String Quariet No 5 in D minor, Op 35, 1916; Fryden

Quartet)
9.35 Towards Bach: English
Concert under Trevor Principle performs some of the original instan concertos for keyboard arranged by Bach, and the harpsichordist Lars Ulink Mortensen performs two of the arrangements. Vivaidi (Concerto in Diminor, Op 3 ents. Vivaldi No 11); Bach (Concerto in D. BWV 972); Alessandro Marcello (Oboe Concerto in D minor): Vivaidi (Concerto in or solo violin in D, Op 3 No 9). Bach (Concerto in D minor, SWV 974); Vivaidi (Concerto in A minor, Op 3

No 5), incl 10.05 Interval Reading 10.45 Request Mass in memory of Sir Lennox Borkeley (1903-89). Live from Westminster Cathedral 12.30pm Mozert (Cassation in B

### RADIO 3 1.00 News 1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime St David's Hall Lunchtime Rectat: Live from Cardff. The prantst Nikotal Petrov performs Bach (English Suite for Keyboard No 6 in D minor, BWV 811); Antonio Soler (Fandango in D minor); Weber (Rondo brillant for piano, Op 85 "Invitation to the Dance"); Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales)

sentimentales)
2.10 Dame Myra Hess: The final programme. Scarlatti (Sonata in G. Kk 14); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K 467; with Halle Orchestra under Leslie Howard); Schumann (Camaval); Brahms (Plano Concento N 2 in B flat: with New York

PO under Watter)
4.10 Varsova Ouartet performs
Boccherini (String Quartet in
A, G 205; Stachowski
(String Quartet No 3, 1989) (f)
4.50 Mediner and the Violin:
Gabneli Quartet, with
Manoug Parkitan, violin,
Hamish Milne, piano,
periorm Dos Canzonas with
dances: Plano Quantet in G

corress; mano culmet in G s.30 Mainly for Pleasure: The Bell-tower Canary. A celebration of the birth of Beniamino Gigli, presented by Roger Nichols 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Poet D.J. Enright.
70 this year, in conversation with Hermione Lee
7.30 Penderecki in the City of Culture: Cracow

Culture: Cracow
Philharmonic under the
composer performs his
Passacagia. Viola
Concerto, with Grigory
Zhyslin, soloist; and Second
Symphony 8.20-8.40
During the interval, recent
changes in Penderecki's
style are examined by
Charles Sodman Rae
Three Saints of the North: 9.20 Three Saints of the North: Scandinavian Season. Uppsals Cathedral Choir: KFUM Champer Choir under Stellar Parkman; Capella nuova pertorm medieval chants relating the irves of the Swedish saints. with sonates by Emilisch and Becker 9.65 Drama Now: Scandinavian Season. A Matter of the Soul, by Ingmar Bergman. Translated by Eivor

Martinus (see Choice) 11.00 Composers of the We Scandinavian Season. Larsson and Bentzon. Larsson and benzon. Larsson (Violin Concerto, Op 42, 1952); Bentzon (Symphony No 7, Op 83, 1952) (r) 12.00 Ne

#### RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.28
Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.55, 7.35 Weather 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament
8.57 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News Process 9.50 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. This week's topic is the raunification of Germany 10.00 News; Medicine Now with 10.00 News; Medicine Now with Geoff Watts 10.30 Morning Story: The Three Misses Higgs, by Roseman Arken. Read by Marilyn Le

Conte 19.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Crizans 11.25 From Our Own

Correspondent
11.50 English Now: David Crystal
on the English language today 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
John Waite
12.25pm Blandings: Heavy
Weather, by P.G.
Wodehouse, adapted in four
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Grandmother's Drums, is about the women of The Gambia; and former Dutch Vietnam war correspondent Dieudonnee Pen Berge, and Serah Hogg, economics editor of The Telegraph papers, discuss the art of media manipulation 3.00 News; PM Budget Special News, PM Budget Specal; News and analysis of John Major's first Budget speech, presented by Valene Singleton, with Nick Clarke, Hugh Sylves and Vincent Duggleby. They are joined in the Budget studio by John Redwood, MP, Tony Blair, MP, and Charles Kennedy.

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Marietta Higgs reflects on her experience et the hands of the tabloid press a.45 in Touch: This week, the magazine for the blind examines housing for blind people.

people 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes a report on Tony Hanson's play The Trackers of Oxymynchus which opens at the National Theatre on Thursday; Tony Hare visits the Thread of Lifa exhibition at Kew Gardens; and Alan Robertson meets Ashley Page and Richard Alsto dancers with the Rambert Dance Theatra, currently appearing at Sadier's Wel

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John Major, the Chancellor
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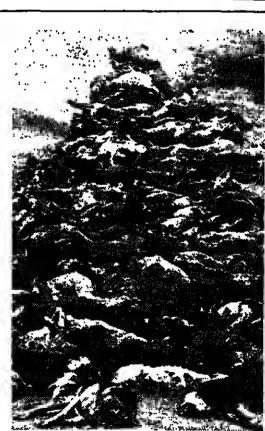
• Even if I had not known that A Matter of the Soul (Radio 3, 9.55pm) was written by Ingmar Bergman, it wouldn't have taken me long to have guessed that this monologue was either the work of the master pessimist



Anna Massey: the measure of Viktoria (Radio 3, 9.55pm) The signature of the Bergman school is scrawled not just in the corner of the canvas but right across it. There she stands, the wealthy, deceived

and rejected wife, contemplating the awfulness of "the hour before noon", unable and unwilling to see anything beyoud the horizon of her misery ("We are all impris-oned in our terrible loneliness"... "one needs a lot of surplus energy to deal with other people's problems"), and mouthing the cheerless philosophy we remember from a dozen Bergman movies: "Life is a vacuum, filled with dreams and fantasies". It is not dufficult to lose patience with some of Bergman's women who go on and on about not wanting life to slip through their fingers, yet doing little to stop it happening. Viktoria, in A Matter of the Soul, shows only too clearly that she is a fully paid-up member of Bergman's sad club, and Anna Massey

has got the measure of her.



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Mr Brian Davison, inspecto English Heritage, yesterday considering his next move at a partially sackcloth-shrouded Stonehenge which, like an awkward, over-large present, defies all attempts to wrap it.

The exercise is not the latest attempt at living sculpture by Christo, the eccentric Bulgarian artist who in 1984 confused the world by wrapping the entire Poot Neuf in Paris with rope and orange plastic (Paul Wilkinson writes).

The covers on the pre historic stones in fact hide 3ft letters in white cellulose paint, spelling out "LIVE", which were daubed on Britain's bestknown ancient monument in the early hours of Sunday morning, probably by a group of some 20 people police and security guards discovered and evicted from the site during the night. The graffiti was not found until daylight.

resolution passed last week by the Coogress of People's Deputies, saying that the Congress Mr Davisoo and other exhad no authority to pronounce perts were called in to assess on Lithuania's affairs. The resolution had condemned Lithuania's iodepeodence declaration as "illegal and the damage and to consider how the paint can be removed without causing permanent scars on the stones. unconstitutional". The Lithuanian delegation comprised six members of the Soviet Union's Supreme

Stonehenge last fell victim to vandalism more than seven years ago. It was also attacked

A spokesman said: "We thought we had this place adequately patrolled... Howtake part in Supreme Soviet commissions while withdrawing from the parliament's ever, we are not about to start general work. putting armies around it. We shall take another look at They had hoped to hand the reply directly to President Gorbachov at the Supreme security. This is a public monument and it is a great Soviet, but yesterday's session shame that a small minority was presided over by the new chairman, Mr Anatoli Lukshould try to spoil it for others." yanov, and it was not clear

has gathered at the monument for today's spring equinox, but English Heritage is not accusing anyone, not even a band of Merseyside graffiti artists who might have been trying to write the name of their favourite soccer team ...

### Lithuania seeks talks as ultimatum expires

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

yesterday replied to President weekend and gave his new Gorbachov's ultimatum by defending the week-old declaration of independence as entirely legal and calling for talks with Moscow on full secession from the Soviet post priority.

In a move which might be regarded by the Lithuanian delegation as a slight, the secretariat of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee yesterday held a The reply was brought to the Soviet capital by a Lithusmeeting with the leaders of the neighbouring Baltic state of nian delegation only hours before the three-day deadline set by President Gorbachov Estonia. The meeting, revealed by the editor of Pravda, Mr Ivan Frolov, who had attended it, said it had been a

friendly exchange of opinions. The reply also rejected a He would oot disclose whether Mr Gorbachov was present, though as General Secretary of the party he would be expected to be there.

The meeting may have been part of Estonia's reward for supporting the establishment of the new-style presidency at last week's Congress of People's Deputies. The republic's leaders were promised that the question of Estonia's independence would be the subject of a commission of inquiry,

It is also possible that Moscow is deliberately trying to contrast what it regards as the precipitate behaviour of Lithuania in declaring independence so soon with the slower approach (so far) of the other two Baltie states.

Even as the secretariat was whether they would see President Gorbachov. Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, the leader of the Lithuanian Communist Party which broke with Moscow at the end of last year, was not in the delegaonly in saying that his delega- months. tion. He was named First

The Lithuanian leadership Deputy Prime Minister at the tioo wanted talks with President Gorbachov.

Talking afterwards, another member of the Lithuanian delegation, Mr Nikolai Medvedev, said events were following a time-honoured sequence: "First threats, then demands, then behind-thescenes talks, then proper negotiations."

He said the republic's reply had made the point that ever the most intractable problems "can be solved by talks and

Speaking after casting his vote in Sunday's elections, Mr Gorbachov had also spoken of the need to continue the

Mr Medvedev, who is leading member of Sajudis, the Popular Front movement which dominates the new Government, suggested that there could be three main sticking points in future talks: the speed of the transition, the economic arrangements and Soviet access to Baltic ports and to the Kalinigrad region, which is administratively part of the Russian Federation and governed from Moscow. Kaliningrad is cut off geographically from the rest of the Russian Federation by the Baltic states.

Moscow's main aim, he meeting, one of the Lithua- believed, would be to slow nian deputies, Mr Eoidius down the talks with Lithuania Bickzuskas, tried to present to minimize disruption to the his republic's reasons for Soviet economy from Lithuadeclaring independence to the nia's departure. He himself Supreme Soviet, but he was predicted that the talks could shouted down and succeeded take between a year and 18

### US attempts to count homeless

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

An army of 15,000 workers ways black, who have set up will go out oo to the streets of makeshift shelters in the fam-America tonight to conduct ous Mall. Informed guesses the first census of the nation's

In an attempt to count the uncountable, they will go to shelters and hostels, railway and bus stations, hospital waiting rooms and airports, all-night cinemas and cafes.

They will search parks and look on top of every city heating grate. They will check abandoned cars and buildings, and even caves in the footbills of southern California where

migrant workers sleep. It is a massive \$2.7 million (£1.7 millioo) effort, but is not enough to satisfy many advocates for the homeless who are refusing to co-operate. They contend that the census cannot begin to count all the homeless and will therefore be used to play down - and starve of federal funds - one of America's most glaring social problems.

In Washington the White House itself is ringed by homeless people, almost al-

suggest that the oumber of homeless nationwide could exceed three million.

Burning census forms out-side the Justice House Shelter which he runs in Roanoke, Virginia, Mr David Hayden protested: "It cannot be done accurately. The format is going to lead inevitably to a gress undercount... and the political consequences of an undercount will be devastating to homeless people."

"S Night", as it is called, begins at 6pm. For safety reasons the workers have been instructed not to go inside abandoned buildings, and for reasons of privacy they have been told not to wake homeless people who are asleep. Instead they must try to guess their age, sex and race.

The Census Bureau readily admits that the count will have many shortcomings, but will provide data for others to interpret. That is what advocates for the homeless fear.

#### Political sketch

### Mid Staffs battle for the loonies

"Woe unto bloody Lich-field!" cried the first Quaker, George Fox, awoken from a nightmare in which he saw the town punished in blood for its heresy. He fled

immediately, barefoot.
Maybe Charles Prior, the Tory candidate io the Mid Staffs by-election, will have time to get his shoes on before leaving Lichfield

But where was the likely victor, Sylvia Heal, Labour's candidate? I searched.

Through the window of a hairdressers, I saw seven women sitting under driers. They all looked like Sylvia Heal. When I arrived too late for her press conference, the room was empty. There was in trace. Just a faint smell of his bubble his bubble was a faint smell of his bubble was a faint smel vanilla.

I would go, then, in search of the real battle, the battle for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place. The battle for the hearts and minds of the nation's freaks, free-spirits and loonies.

I never found Lindi Love. Her NICE (National In-dependent Correct Edificatioo) posters bore a crimson declaration: "Love Is All You

And I never found Buddy Holly lookalike, John Hill, the National Frootcandidate. His posters bore no imprint except an address which seemed to be a box number in

They say he has a greeo theme and preaches "her-itage". Perhaps he complains about hlacks, coming here to dig up our hedgerows.

Searching for the real Green Party I blundered into the command-post of the MRLP, in the "King's Head", Lichfield. "You've missed Lord Sutch," said the barman, "He's gone to Loodon for two days before his rock concert here.

"OFFICIAL MONSTER RAVING LOONY GREEN TEETH CANDIDATE," said the posters. Don't be fooled by other loony parties! Sutch deserves to win for posing the best question of the century: Why is there only one Monopolies · Commission?" Beneath a Monster poster, talking earnestly, three Green Party activists rested from canvassing for their Robert Saunders.

"You've come to write about how the loonies are doing, haven't you? We are doing fine, thanks."

"A group of pagans came to our meeting last night," one told me, "and warned us the general election will be this November. They read tarot.

cards, or something." I mentioned that the NF photo resembled Buddy Holly. "He doesn't look that good in the flesh," said one of them: then (gloomily) "nor does Buddy Holly, now, I suppose. Holly has

biodegraded. But at the "La Terrazza" near Safeways' car-park. Liberal hope springs from a renewable source. Tim Jones (its candidate) was organizing a "motorcade" through

"No red or hiue cars," said his bubbly agent, unbelieved Jones looks like a mouse nice mouse, with bright eyes and little whiskers.

A nasty cat of a journalist asked: "Is the bandwagon starting to roll." The Mouse flinched. "Continuing to roll," it squeaked; polls can underestimate a position."

The Cat pinned with a cruel paw: "What are your figures, then?"

"We're not disclosing our figures," wriggled the Mouse; then (bravely) "Nicaragus, East Germany, Tyson, the Eogland-Scotland rugby match and Cheltenham Gold Cup (it gulped for breath) show that nutsiders can win.

The Mouse's special guest painfully decent Robert Maclennan, MP, shrugged off the indignity of finding his name, spelled wrongly two different ways on the leaflet, and spoke of buoyancy and optimism. on the streets of Rugeley. I fled. And stumbled, late, into a huge applauding crowd at the Eton Lodge Hotel. Buoy-ancy in the SDP camp? It was: a Tupperware party.

Upstairs, for an audience of five journalists, John Cartwright, MP - greying, honor ahle - was supporting the SDP's large, blinking and genial Ian Wood, Mr Wood is Daffy Duck to Mr Jones' Mickey Mouse.

"The Liberal candidate," a journalist said to Daffy, "says. he's going to win. Is he talking out of his ... (pause) hat?"
The reply was swift: "Depends where he positions his

Matthew Parris

### Labour move for end of reselection

Continued from page 1 considered by Labour's national exec- members. the ending of the electoral college system under which the unions have a vote of up to 40 per cent in any parliamentary

Instead it proposes a full one memberone vote system in which the voice of the unions would be heard by recruiting

especially in exposed western areas. The Midlands, northern

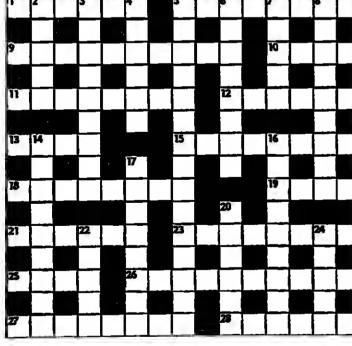
England and Scotland will start bright. Southern England and south Wales will have rain which will spread northwards during the day. Further rain will move into Scotland from the

illy, it is expected to res in the end of compulsory reselection under which all MPs have to face a reselection vote, even if their party is satisfied with them and even if they are the only candidate. The proposals will be bitterly fought by the left. Next week's NEC paper is expected to recommend

more trade unionists to become party ways of preventing MPs being subjected to a time-consuming and personally. do oot desire it. Options to be considered are the granting of a vote for party members in a constituency on whether or not to hold a reselection conference and an end to the need for a reselection if there is only one candidate, the so called "shortlist-of-one."

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,246

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Concise Crossword, page 20

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By Philip Howard ROORBACK a. A Hungarian killer deg b. A scandalous political story c. The South African veld ONISCUS 2. A wood-louse

b. A semi-precious stone c. The crescent moss GUYOT . An oceanic diving bird b. A submarine an PUNDICATION a. An Areopag

c. A Malaysian wild cat Answers on page 20

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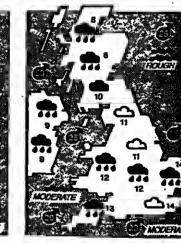
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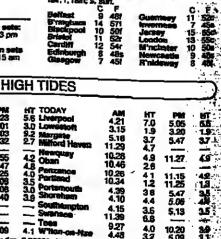
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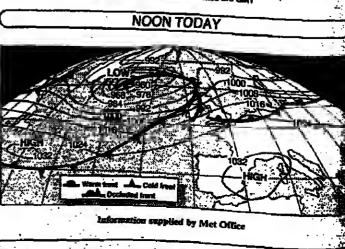
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### Booker up to £90.5m

Booker, whose interests range from publishing rights to agrieulture, made pre-tax profits of £90.5 million (£78.7 million) in the year to end-

Turnnver rose from £1.84 billing to £2.51 billion, and the final dividend rises from 12p to 13p, payable July 2, to make 19.5p (18p) for the year. The contribution from Booker Entertainment, which in-cludes certain Agatha Christie and James Bond publishing rights, more than tripled.

#### Tempus, page 24

#### Rugby rises

Rugby Group, the cement and building products concern, raised pre-tax profits from £72.6 million to £89.8 million in the year to end-December. A 3.6p final takes the total payout from 5.2p to 6.45p.

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TUESDAY MARCH 20 1990

## End raw deal for small investors, SE told

### By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

Reforms aimed at serving private investors better are to be proposed to the Inter-national Stock Exchange after members admitted that small investors had been losers rather than gainers from the 1986 Big Bang revolution in the way trade is conducted on

Mr Nigel Elwes, chairman of a committee set up to review the development of the share market, said: "The retail customer has had a raw deal nut nf the market since Big Bang." He said the Stock

Exchange was anxious to win publish - anonymously if put in an order conditional on decisions were taken, make a market in that compa-spring 1988 to offset interwould have to bring in more automation to cut dealing more user-friendly.

Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the ISE, said this might be nverstating the case, but admitted that costs for private investors had risen as a result of the changes.

The final report of the Elwes committee, which was welcomed with some reservations by the Stock Exchange Coun-cil, recommends that market

back private investors and necessary - the best price price. The order would wait onoted by any market-maker for small lots to be dealt under costs and make the service SAEF, the Exchange's computerized small deals service.

Brokers acting for small investors would have to deal at that price. They could not give their business preferentially to one (sometimes linked) marketmaker regardless of his price

The report also proposes that an experimental central dealing screens should have a limit order facility (Close) be "green strip" which would set up so that investors could limit order facility (Close) be

quotation for the small

until such a price was available and then be dealt immediately.

Mr Hugh Smith said that, taken with plans to save administration costs by a computerized paperiess settlement system, these proposals should cut charges substantially to private investors who wanted a simple dealing

But he said these were the most controversial proposals in the report and there would be further consultation with members before any final

The committee argued strongly that the most competitive market-maker should be rewarded with the flow of

orders if the market's pricemaking mechanism was not to suffer. As an additional spur to competition, it has proposed regular monitoring of market-makers to see if they are quoting their fair share IIf the best prices and not artificially avoiding unwanted

> Market-makers who act passively and fail to meet the standards in any stock would, if necessary, not be allowed to emergency measures taken in

oy's stock.

The committee has won support from ISE members for a plan to abolish the classificatinn nf shares into alpha, beta and gamma stock for quotation In the electronic system. Instead, market-makers will have to quote a price for a "normal market size" for each share. This would be about 2.5 per cent of the average daily turnover in that stock, but there would be only 12 stan-

The report also recommends rescinding some of the nrders between agency

necine competitioo that broke nut amnng market-makers after the October 1987 crash.
Publication of the details of large deals would be delayed by nnly 90 minutes instead of being held nvernight and the obligations of market-makers to quote prices to each other would be restored within

Mr Elwes and his committee also propose strengthening the central market by bringing in matching deals between principals and cross

## Sterling hits record low against mark

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

foreign exchange markets after the big vote in favour of the conservatives in the East German election, with the pound one of its main

Sterling closed at a record low against the mark, down almost 4 pfeonigs at DM2.7114. It was also lower against the dollar in spite of late afternoon intervention by the Bank of England in support of sterling against the US currency, closing in Londoo down 1.25 cents at \$1.6115.

down 1.25 cents at \$1.6115.

The Bank of England's effective exchange rate index fell

Though the official view is 0.7 to 85.9, only 0.1 above the that the fall is partly a reflectionest point reached since Mr tino of adverse political com-

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since October 1987

The mark rose strongly in Nigel Lawson's resignation as ment, if sustained a weaker exchange will tend to be Interest rates in the money inflationary.

market rose Vis of a percent-Mr Mark Franklin of Credit age point, with the key three-Suisse First Boston said: "Tomonth interbank rate at 15%s day's exchange rate move-ments have been more a per cent though trading was not very active. Gilts fell reflection of mark strength another % If a point in medium and long dates and than sterling weakness. The mark has been hit by a shock 4-1/2 point in the short dates, not unlike North Sea oil, and partly as a result of the fall in when that happened the West German bond prices. In pound rose a long way. The Budget is more likely to be the stock market the FT-SE 100 index fell 25.9 to 2,238.0. good than bad for sterling."

The continued weakness in sterling presents a difficult The rise in the mark reflects background against which Mr the view that German unification will give a big boost to demand in the combined German economy which would oeed control by higher interest rates. Against the mark the dollar fell nearly 1½ pfennigs to DM1.6815.

> The yen weakened still further, falling in European trading against the dollar by Y1.40 England support during the morning by sales of dollars for yen. A steep fall in the Japanese stock market raised the chances that the central bank there would not raise interest rates this week after all. Sterling, however, was weaker still, falling from Y249.15 to about Y247.40.

Herr Elmar Pieroth, the new East German Economics Minister designate, said June 30 is a likely date for monetary union between the two German states. He also confirmed that Ostmarks would be swapped for Deutschmarks at

Dow Jones Industrials

terday, suffering their third worst fall ever and banishing

hopes that the stock market's two-month slide has petered A rise in Japanese interest rates in help shore up the yen,

which some analysis had expected in be announced this mnrning, may nnw be delayed after the fresh collapse. The Nikkei share index sank 1,353.20 points to 31,263.24, although thin trad-

ing and a rush by some institutions to square books ahead of the end of the financial year amplified the

Mr Stephen Church, head of research at UBS Phillips & Drew, dismissed it as anniher hiccup nn a Mnnday

Although the yen continued in weaken as well — the dullar soared Y1.05 in Tokyo yesterday in a three-year high of the Tokyo nearly 39,000 when in buy, or why to buy."

stomach to boost industry's borrowing costs yet. They are anxious about the threat of inflation from higher import

prices, but also know that a jump in interest rates when investors are jittery might be read as a sign of panie and could send the Nikkei reeling. It is part of the authorities' dilemma that the stronger yen that might result from a onepoint jump in interest rates

They are also aware that while Londoo and Wall Street have largely ignured Takyo's fall, there may come a time when markets take fright at the drop in Japanese stock prices, triggering a downward

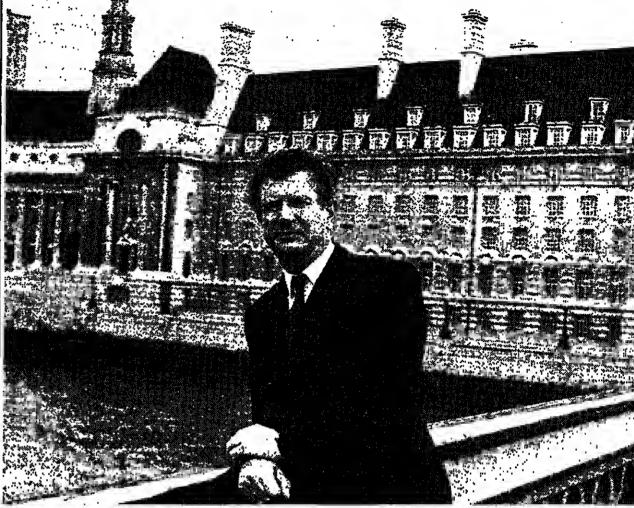
of Japan, the central bank,

points at the end of last year, though he felt the correction had probably gone too far.

keen to tighten monetary policy to chake aff signs of inflation, the official said Ja-pan was aware of the international impact a rise in its interest rates might have now. "We have to think carefully of the international impact

But we would like to continue to watch for the moment. "I think inflation remains under control. But it may be too late to act when the inflation indicator starts to flash. The timing is very

Optimism over County Hall



Upon Westminster Bridge: Jackson in front of the former County Hall, the subject of a £1bo development plan

Mr David Jackson, joint managing director of New England Properties and chief executive of the consortium that hopes to develop County Hall, the former home of the Greater London Conocil, is optimistic that Mr Christopher Patten, the Environment Secretary, will give the £1 billion scheme his blessing (Matthew Bond writes).

A public inquiry into the consortium's plans to convert the Ralph Knott-designed

November. Mr Jacksoo is hoping to receive Mr Patten's decision by June. "I'm very optimistic about the outcome nf the planning inquiry," he

If the scheme is approved, the remaining tenants would move nnt in October and the developers would move in shortly afterwards. One of the

building on the Thames' south ished will be an office block at driven notions could lift its

Mr Jackson said potential tenants have expressed a keen interest in the site. The development should be completed by 1993-4.

New England has a 2.8 per cent equity stake in the County Hall project, but as joint project manager will gain considerable revenues from its management of the devfirst buildings to be demni- elipment. Performance- 29.5p.

bank into offices, shops, flats
and a five-star hotel ended last
minster Bridge.

The company has reported

The company has reported pre-tax profits up by 106 per cent at £3.1 millinn, helped by £2.0 million of property sale profits, in the year to December. Earnings per share rose 123 per cent to 2.9p and the final dividend is 233 per cent ahead at 1p per share.

The high level of property sales restricted net assets per share to a 13 per cent rise to

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

FTSE 100

Tokyo share prices tumbled Y153.55 — Japan's financial more than 1,300 points yes—authorities may not have the

could restore some confidence in Tukyo share prices.

spiral across the world.

A senior official of the Bank

Although the central bank is

our actions might have. We can't gn nn watching fnrever.

In some dealing rooms, the mood was maudin. "Everybody has given up on the market," said Mr Hidetada Yoshida, manager nf equity

#### **Berisford** under Tate scrutiny By Angela Mackay

Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, has retained the leading New York law firm of Sherman and Sterling to examine Berisford International's US property interests before considering

whether to bid for its rival. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Tate said exploratnry talks had taken place with Berisford "concerning the feasibility of combining a recommended offer." However an nffer depended on Tate being "satisfied as to the value and status of Berisford's nnn-sugar interests."

Berisford shares slipped 11p to 134p yesterday nn reports that it is facing a paper loss of about £200 milling on its New York property portfolio after assuming control of 13 prop-erties when its main partner Mr Joe Neumann failed to pay his debts last September. Berisford said this was

speculation and misleading. Tate stressed that talks with Berisford were at a prelimi-

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VPI suspends former owner of American subsidiary

### Carter admits theft of \$1m from clients

VPI Group, the public- and investorrelations concern, yesterday suspended Mr Don Carter, the flamboyant former boss of its troubled American offshoot, after he said he would plead guilty to stealing \$1 millinn of elients' money. eharging personal expenses to the com-

pany and tax evasion. Mr Carter, aged 41, founded his Carter Organization over 16 years ago and sold it to VPI for \$75 million in 1987.

He was relieved from all executive duties earlier this year following an official investigation by the New York State Organized Crime Task Force, which was looking into allegations of false billing and overcharging of clients

between 1987 and last year. VPI's chairman, Mr Aogus Maitland, said in New York yesterday that he suspended Mr Carter vesterday directly he had coofirmed making a formal statement of admission to the Wall Street Journal

The Organized Crime Task Force has called a press briefing for this morning.

After confirming his guilty plea due to be made this week in a New York court, Mr Carter's statement said: "I am sincerely sorry far the injury caused to the elients in question and I have agreed to make immediate restitution of \$1 millinn. I apologize to all those whose faith m me may now be broken and I will now

dedicate myself to getting nn with my life and earning whatever respect I have lost as a result of my past actions. "My life has been a shambles since this

investigation began, but I have no one to hlame hut myself. In short I made the mess and I'm going to clean it up." Mr Maitland, whn now personally handles the internal budgets of Carter, was in New York for their second review

this year. He said: Obviously we are disappointed with this. . . . We hope we will not lose any clients as a result." The Carter Organization revenue more than trebled to \$50 million in the four years in 1988, but in recent months

it has reported sizeable losses.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Turriff weathers storm in advance to £5.82m

Turriff weathered the storm in the construction industry to raise pre-tax profits from £4.35 million to £5.82 million in the 12 months to end-December. A final dividend of 10.75p takes the total from 11.5p to 15p. Barclays de Zoeta the company's broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £7 million in the current year.

A more cautious accounting policy clipped £530,000 off profits for 1989, balanced by a £625,000 exceptional gain from the sale and leaseback of property. Turriff now writes off interest on housing developments as it is incurred, rather than capitalizing it until the project is sold. This, along with increased borrowings and higher rates, boosted interest charges from £740,000 to £1.93 million.

#### Acorn grows Halshaw in by 123%

Jumped 123 per cent to pretax £2.52 million on turnover up 22 per cent to £44.9 million. But Acorn, 80 per cent owned by Italy's Olivetti, is not paying a dividend for the third year running even though earnings per share are also up 123 per cent to 3.8p (1.7p).

Acorn Computer, the educa- Evans Halshaw, the motor tional computer group, group, was hit by a surge in interest from £1.4 million to £3.7 million, in 1989, and pre-tax profits fell 8.5 per cent to £9.2 million. Group turnover advanced to £400.8 million from £291.6 million. The total dividend rises by 12.5 per cent to 11.25p via a final 7.65p on earnings per share of 27.4p (38.9p).

### Refuge hit by losses

Refuge Group, the life assurer, saw a 4 per cent drop in pretax profits last year to £14.2 million due to estate agency losses. Losses at the Douglas Allen Spiro chain, with 33 branches in Essex, grew to £1.6 millinn (£127,000 deficit in

However, Mr Tom Booth, Refuge's chairman, said that business has begun to pick up in 1990. Refuge's profits in 1988 were inflated by a one-off gain from the change in capital gains tax laws. Without this, earnings per share would have risen 18 per cent to 25.5p. The final dividend is being lifted from 14.5 to 17p, making 24.3p, up 16 per cent.

#### Simon buys US interests

Simon Engineering has acquired Engineering Enterprises and associated partnership interests of Norman, Oklahoma for \$8.45 million in cash and a further \$500,000 deferred for up to 18 months. EEI is a US consultancy business providing environmental engineering services.

#### Alba declines at half way

Pre-tax profits at Alba, the consumer electronics company, fell from £3 million to £2.74 million in the six months to December after a £271,000 loss from the 40 per cent share of Network One. Earnings per share fell from 5.69p to 5.21p but the interim dividend is held at

## IMI's move to sophistication overcomes soft UK demand

people making munitions at its main site at Witton, on the outskirts of Birmingham. Its present workforce is a tenth that size and the only ammunition it makes is for shotguns.

The company has been shifting away from its base in non-ferrous metals for decades, but in the eighties it made a concerted effort to move into more sophisticated products and overseas markets. As a result, IMI has virtually no defence exposure, is much less reliant on Britain's construction industry and derives two-fifths of its sales from its foreign operations. Furthermore, its profit margins have widened from 5 to 12 per cent of sales over the last decade.

This recasting of its product portfolio and geographical spread stood IMI in good stead last year. Pre-tax profits rose 16 per cent to £125 million despite a softening in British demand. As acquisitions chipped in only £2.2 million of the rise on belonger balance, earnings per share were left 14 per cent up at

The biggest absolute rise came from its fluid power business, where operating profits rose a fifth to £35.9 million due to buoyant mar-kets in Europe, especially in West Germany. Profits from refined and wrought metals were also up a fifth at £24.4 million, helped by strong demand for titanium from the aircraft engine industry. Despite the slowdown in housebuilding activity in Britain, profits from building products rose 11 per cent to £25.5 million.

Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman, is confident of further progress in 1990, which an-



Helped by Agatha Christie: Jonathan Taylor, of Booker

alysts interpret to mean profits of £135 million and earnings per share of 27.2p. Although that 8 per cent rise would be only about half the annual growth in earnings achieved since 1985, it could end up looking a stalwart, performance.

At 227p, the shares are on a prospective p/e ratio of 8. representing good value in the long-term. However, the company has dropped hints about acquisitions and anything sizeable might hold the shares back for a while.

#### Booker

Agatha Christie helped Booker, whose pre-tax profits were barely alive at half time, to show its seventh consec-

utive year of profits growth. Difficulties in its agri-business had left interim profits a mere £1.2 million ahead at £30.3 million, despite a 68 per cent increase in turnover. and there were fears of a poor outcome at year-end.

But Agatha Christie works receive special mention in the year-end profits roll call -

back rights - as do the group's food distribution and health products interests. They helped Booker, where Mr Jonathan Taylor is chief execntive, post pre-tax profits of £90.5 million, against £78.7 million, on a turnover of £2.51 billion (£1.84 billion). A final dividend of 13p makes 19.5p

(18p) for the year. The first-half problems are still only partly resolved, but there is hope that the salmon operations - which cost Booker £4 million because of the fish war with Norway will return to profit in 1990.

Gearing was 31.8 per cent (17.8 per cent) at year-end. Loss elimination and organic growth should see pre-tax profits at around the £104 million mark in 1990, With the shares at 416p, down 7p, the prospective rating is 9.8 backed by a 6.3 per cent yield. Like any Agatha Christie, Booker shares on those ratings

#### Rugby Group

are hard to put down.

Rugby Group is adopting a cautious stance as it kicks off the 1989 reporting season for the building-material produc-ers. While the industry as a whole is looking for a 5 per cent fall in cement volumes this year, Mr Andrew Teare, Rughy's managing director, is braced for a fall of as much as 10 per cent, even if much of this can come out of the group's own imports.

When analysts look back over the season in a month's time, the Rugby figures may turn out to be one of the highlights. The company's wide geographical and product spread has meant the odd difficulty - US joinery profits,

halved after the collapse of the first-time housebuilding market in the North-eastern states.

But a 7 per cent rise in cement volumes in this country in 1989, now looking very much the last of the fat years since Rubgy reorganized in the mid-1980s, helped the group as a whole to a 24 per cent profits rise to £89.8 million in the year to end-December.

British cement trading profits jumped 43 per cent last year, outstripping steel prod-ucts in this country, where a 28 per cent hike includes a £1 million first-time contribution from the Channel Tunnel contract, and a 35 per cent rise from Australian cement and

The British joinery business showed the inevitable housing-related downturn, with a fall of 4 per cent at the trading

Rugby has a couple of advantages tucked away for the current year. Debts are now about £6 million and falling, after a disposal in Texas at the year-end, and 1990 should see net interest receivable. The dividend was covered more than three times last year, allowing scope for a further increase even if profits

In yesterday's gloomy market conditions the shares fell 6p to 159p. Assuming pre-tax profits in the £92 million region this year, they now sell on less than eight times prospective earnings, while a 10 per cent increase in the dividend would offer a 5 per cent yield.

Not demanding; but any significant rise would require a sharp bounce for the sector as a whole this summer,

## Tyne Tees downturn held to £720,000

ings, the North-east England independent television contractor, has revealed the full extent of the downturn in advertising revenue in the second balf of last year, with a fall in pre-tax profits to end-December from £7.82 million to £7.10 million.

Also contributing to the downturn was higher-thanusual spending on programme-making, up by more than £10 million to £26.73 million. This would bring in higher profits in the current year, said Mr David Reay, managing director.

"Nineteen eighty nine was a hiccup, 1 hope — 1990 looks very good despite revenues being to say the least, pretty lethargic," he added. The final goes up by 0.5p to 13p, making a total up from 17.25p to 19p. Revenues rose by just 2.5

per cent in 1989, against an industry average of 6.5 per cent. But after Tyne Tees kept pace with the other ITV stations in the first half, the main fall-off came in the

second six months. The company is forecasting a 4.5 per cent rise this year. Barclays de Zoete Wedd ex-pects £7.2 million pre-tax in 1990, although this is based on a more cautious estimate of growth in net advertising

revenue Tyne Tees shares, against the market trend, rose 4p to 288p. It kept the rise in staff costs to well below inflation last year and has the benefit of a pay freeze.

It is also aiming to increase revenues for its technical facilities in London and Newcastle to as much as £5 million in the current year and will have the benefit of £1.5 million in overseas sales for the Barbara Taylor Bradford drama Act of

#### COMPANY BRIEFS

COLORGRAPHIC (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.77m (£2.98m) EPS: 19.15p (16.34p) Div: 4.86p, mkg 6.7p

RPS GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.71m (£1.08m) EPS: 9.39p (6.30p)

Div: 1.6p, mkg 2.8p CARBO (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.55m (£3.83m) EPS: 20.1p (17.0p) Div: 4.3p mkg 6.8p

CIA GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.82m (£0.86m) EPS: 9.14p (5.71p)

LINREAD (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.32m (£2.84m) EPS: 17.87p (15.17p) Div: 3.9p, mkg 5.7p

Net earnings; \$38.6m EPS: \$1.38 (\$1.04) Div: N/A

EDINBURGH OIL & GAS Pre-tax: 250,000 loss LPS: 0.39p (0.75p) Div: Nii (nii)

FISHER (JAMES) (Fin) Pro-tax: £4.23m (£3.05m) EPS: 13.04p (8.44p) Div: 3p, mkg 5p (4p)

Last year's total dividend was 5.71p. Orders for first two months of 1990 were 17 per cent ahead of last year, with margins firmer.

> Last year's total dividend was 2.2p. Group has strong order book, much of it for public sector clients. Turnover rose to £8.76m (£6.32m).

Last year's total dividend was 5.7p. Sales were ahead 10.7 per cent to £66.9m, with 72 per cent outside Britain.

Interim dividend for 1990, which company expects to pay in October. Turnover £139.9m (£54.2m).

The first dividend will be the

Last year's total dividend was 4.75p. About half of output is exported, so minimizing the effect of any economic recession.

for 1988 were \$29.3m. Company made a loss of \$0.98m (\$1.05m) in the three months to end-December.

Final results. Last year's pre-tax loss was £96,000. Board reports that 1990 promises to be the most-active year in company's history.

Turnover £26.78m (£27.59m). Board looks forward to producing satisfactory results for 1990, subject to conditions.

### Refuge Group **PRELIMINARY**

### RESULTS 1989

Chairman Tom Booth reports:

"This was a year of strong underlying profits growth with the life assurance results being particularly buoyant. The company has entered the nineties with confidence."

### **DIVIDENDS UP BY 15.5%**

### RESULTS

PROFIT FOR YEAR	1989	1988
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DIVIDEND per share Interim paid	7.25p	6 50m

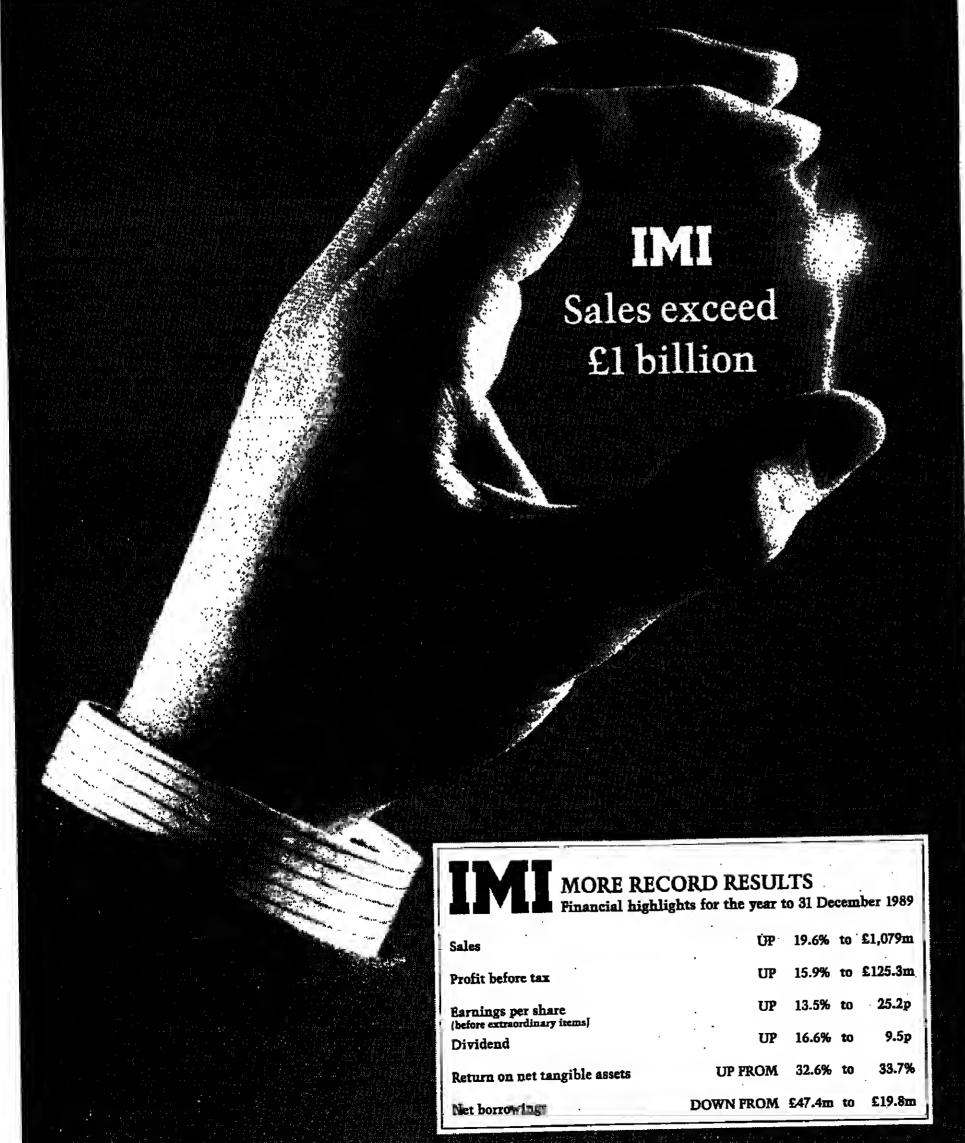
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COMMENT David Brewerton

Annual anachronism

comes round again

### Joint venture will produce marine coatings

### Courtaulds plans China plant

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

of Courtaulds, the industrial materials and chemicals group, is planning to manufacture marine paints in China of £10 million a year.

China has been chosen by Courtaulds because of the size of its shipping fleet and its burgeoning shipbuilding in-dustry. Marine paints, io which Courtaulds is world leader, could also be a bridgehead to nther expansion. There are prospects of selling, among other lines, powder

Courtaulds Coatings, the coatings, can coatings and to build a plant. At present paints and coatings subsidiary steel coil finishes, said Mr values it will mean an invest-Derek Welch, the Courtaulds Coatings business development general manager.

China is now the cheapest via a joint venture which it country to have a ship built, hopes will build to a turnover and its three shipbuilding centres are increasing capacity. The largest is at Shanghai, which is where the Courtaulds joint venture will be located. China is already in the top six China is already in the top six Shipping Company (Cosco) shipbuilding nations and is and the China State Shipincreasingly building for foreign owners.

Courtaulds initially will rent a factory but later, probably within three years, plans

ment nf about £2 million, less than half the cost of constructing a similar one in

The company, with a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture, has as its partners the Shanghai Kai Lin Paint Manufacturing Company with 29 per cent, and the China Ocean building Equipment and Material Company (CSSC) with 10 per cent each.

Cosco has the second largest fleet in the world, amounting

to 650 vessels with a total of 14 millinn tonnes deadweight. This is almost half the total the effects of that upheaval but Chinese tonnage.

CSSC is part of China's state shipbuilding corporation, an offshore element." which controls all the main activities of that type in the

Kai Lin has been manufacturing Courtaulds marine coatings under licence since 1982. This link, and Courtaulds long experience of trading in China, led the British group into its decision to increase its presence there.

The political upheavals of

last summer delayed talks

it has no impact nn this kind of business much of which has

Mr Michael Pragnell, managing director of Courtaulds Coatings, said: "The steady growth of Chinese shipbuilding and the significance of Chinese fleets in world shipping make it logical for us to invest in manufacturing in

The coatings division had a turnover in its last full year of £511 million and an operating profit of £43 million.

#### **Purchases** enable **Hickson** to soar

By Jeremy Andrews

Profits at Hickson International, the speciality chemicals and wood preservatives manufacturer where Mr Jack Dellal has 13 per cent, shot up 38 per cent to £37.1 millinn in the 12 months to December. Sales were 44 per cent ahead at £405 million.

Despite the 16 per cent rise in earnings per share to 23.9p, the company attributed most nf the rise in profits to acquisitinns. Internally generated growth at William Blythe, its inorganie chemicals subsidiary, was nffset by a dnwnturn in its earpet merchanting business.

The main acquisitinns affecting the figures - including Kerley, the US sulphur chemicals manufacturer, Manro, the detergent materials producer based in Cheshire, and Wnlman, the US maker no timber treatments - came in 1988. The purchases helped trading profits from chemicals to rise by almost £8 milling to £26.4 millinn.

Wolman gave Hickson a 40 per cent share of the US market for timber preservatives to add to its 40 per cent share to the rest of the wnrld. The acquisiting sparked a price war in the US which affected margins there, even though the contribution from timber treatment more than doubled from £4.5 million to £10.9 millinn.

Trading profits from merchant distributors eased from £5.6 million to £4.9 million. The final dividend is to rise a fifth to 5.4p, leaving the total 19 per cent ahead at 8p.

longing for interest rates, last adjusted upwards on Christmas Day, to be raised again. The Japanese are playing the game of waiting until they can raise the rates without it appearing to the world that they have been pushed into it. In Britain, the financial markets wait for the first Budget from John Major. or do they? Sterling's weakness has less to do with economics than with politics.

the prospect of marriage to the

Ostmark, which will put strains on the

Federal Republic's ability to keep the lid

on inflation, and is likely to push up

interest rates and increase the money

In Japan, the equity market is down

by a fifth this year already, and the yen is

The opinion polls have painted the currency into a corner from which Mr Major cannot, no matter what surprises he springs from the battered box, engineer its escape. The markets will wait for the paint to dry, by which time the full force of voters' discontent will have been registered in the polling booths of Mid-Staffs.

In fact, the Budget is more a media event than economic reality. It is the tone which is important, rather than the content. Foreign holders of sterling assets do need reassurance, especially important when we are running a significant current account deficit, as the previous Chancellor acknowledged at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington

But although that ring of confidence has to be established, does that mean specific targets need be set out? Virtually every forecast made a year ago has proved inaccurate: inflation, the balance of payments, the public sector debt repayment and so on. Every missed forecast can be seen as evidence that the "economy is off course," and gives the foreign exchange operators the opportunity to pit their resources against the Government's resolve, in the knowledge that the route plan cannot be changed without loss of face.

A complex economy needs to be managed by broad objectives rather than according to specific forecasts, where failure is expected and success no more than mere chance. While changes in fiscal policy form an essential part of the Budget structure, these could be used to demonstrate tone and direction. Reforms to taxation, though necessary, are not an integral part of economic management. They are usually a side

issue, and could be introduced anytime. One year, a Chancellor, possibly even Mr Major, will be brave enough to say that the art of economic management

In Germany, the Deutschmark is has moved on, leaving the annual joyously but illogically celebrating Budget behind. Not this year though. The newspapers have their Budget special supplements planned and the electronic media have assembled their panels of pundits. Mr Major will be the first Chancellor to present his Budget before the television cameras, and every flick of the eyelids, every twitch of the mouth, every sip from the glass, will be scrutinized.

#### Mum on the creche

r Major, meanwhile, has almost managed to avoid the worst nightmare of Chancellors, the Budget leak. He has been seen sniffing flowers in his constituency and eating ice creams in Whitehall. He has discussed cricket. His wife Norma did admit to the Sunday Express that she has shed tears due to the pressures of her husband's long nights at the Treasury. A complex Budget, then? Maybe, but hardly a leak.

What are passed off as leaks are invariably items of mere deduction, which is why contrary speculation frequently appears dressed as fact. Over the weekend, The Observer said the Chancellor would not increase tax threshholds in line with inflation while excise duties on petrol, tobacco and alcohol would remain the same. The Sunday Times, by contrast, reported that tax allowances would rise with inflation but that excise duties would be increased. Other firm media predictions include: a £100 weekly allowance to look after elderly relatives from the Mail on Sunday; a rise in the ceiling for mortgage interest relief from £30,000 to £40,000 or abolition of stamp duty for some or all housebuyers from the Daily Express and Today, a tax on cars without catalytic converters (Financial Times) or higher taxes on leaded petrol (Sunday Express); and general agreement of more tax on company cars.

In fact, demand for Budget leaks or at least what may appear to be leaks - is met with vigour undiminished by the past experience that most of them turn out to be wrong. But if there are leaks it is the loyal Opposition's selfimposed duty to expose them. This year Miss Hilary Armstrong, Labour's spokeswoman on primary education, claimed to have detected a crude one that the Chancellor would abolish tax on creches at work. The information came from a BBC camera crew which said it had been told to expect a photo call on the day. Miss Armstrong was publicly incensed. "This can only be seen as a breach of Budget security,"

she said. Surely not.

### Wassall up

by 540% Wassall, the aggressive mini-conglomerate which earlier this year succeeded in its £45 million hostile bid for Metal Closures, has beat its own forecasts with a 540 per cent jump in pre-tax profits from £502,000 in the previous 11-month period to £3.23 million for the 1989 year.

Earnings per share rose by 75 per cent to 10.7p (6.1p). A final dividend of 1.45p pushes the total for the year up 120 per cent to 2.2p (1p).

#### Canning rise

Pre-tax profits at W Canning. the speciality chemicals and industrial-distribution group, rose by 28 per cent to £9.03 million in the year to December, on turnover up 35 per cent at £108.7 million. Eps climbed by 2 per cent to 21.7p, The final dividend is 4.35p, making 7.15p (6.5p).

#### Ferranti sales

Ferranti International has completed two management buyouts, together worth £7 million. Albacom plc paid £6.2 million for the electronic components business and Laser Ecosse has acquired Ferranti's laser activities.

#### Scholes down

Scholes Group, the electrical products manufacturer, reports a drop in interim pre-tax profits from £3,86 million to £2,53. Turnover in the six months to end-December fell from £22.3 million to £21.9 million, while Eps dipped from 7.3p to 4.6p. The interim dividend is unchanged at 2.6p.

#### Metalrax £7m

Metalrax, the Birminghambased engineering group, improved pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £7.05 million during 1989. Earnings per share advanced 14 per cent to 8.79p, and a recommended final dividend of 2.84p brings the total to 3.8p (3.16p).

#### S&R steady

Scott & Robertson, Britain's leading polythene film manufacturer, saw profits up by just £52,000, making £7.8 million pre-tax, in 1989. Eps fell to 18.7p (22.6p) but the total dividend is due to rise to 7.5p (7p) after a final of 4.5p (3.8p).

#### **BOC** funding

BOC Group is to invest more than \$4 million in modernizing the methane-enrichment and belium plant in cachesively supplied it with by 14 per cent to £13.6 tral nverheads by 39 per cent liquid helium since 1977. million. Group turnnver rose to £909,000.

### IMI primed to expand



Healthy signs: Gary Allen, managing director (left), and Sir Eric Pountain yesterday A strong balance sheet and from 15 per cent to 5 per cent leaving earnings per share 14 lnw borrowings meant high of sharehnlders' funds and the per cent ahead at 25.2p. The lnw borrowings meant high of sharehnlders' funds and the interest rates would not deter IMI from making acquis-itinns, said the chairman, Sir Erie Pountain (Jeremy An-

metals group would allow gearing to rise above 50 per cent in the short term for the

under US accounting regula-

tions. These showed a loss of

against a loss of £634 million

These are expected to be the

last set of figures Blue Arrow

publishes under its existing

Next week shareholders will

vote nn whether to rename the

group Manpower, after the

principal US subsidiary which it acquired in 1987 with the

proceeds of the controversial

row's shareholders are now

Three-quarters of Blue Ar-

The closure of Blue Arrow's

headquarters in the City

rights issue.

American.

amortization charges.

Profits last year rose 16 per

By its December year-end, cent to £125 million nn sales net borrowings had fallen up a fifth at £1.08 hillinn,

cent higher at 9,5p. right acquisitinn. IMI is exploring possibil-

ities in Eastern Europe.

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final dividend rises 0.7p to

5.7p, taking the total 17 per

### Quarterly £8m by Blue Arrow

By Neil Bennett

Poor trading in Britain and the 22 per cent to £437 million United States caused Blue due to higher bookings. There arrow, the employment ser-is no quarterly dividend. vices group, to report an 18

The British profits varied per cent fall in pre-tax profits

widely with figures recovered to £8.12 million in the three months to January.

Mr Mitchell Fromstein, the £9.63 million for the quarter, chairman, said the fall was caused by the difficult markets in 1989, due to large goodwill in both countries and led tn losses in several subsidiaries.

Mr Fromstein said the group is considering selling off any of its husinesses, other than Manpower, to cut debts nf £200 milling.

These include the Brook Street Bureau employment agencies. The 13 per cent rise in the interest charge to £5.52 million was a main factor in the fall in the profits.

Business in Continental Europe and Southern US by contrast remained strong and helped the group's Manpower Odolanow, Poland, that has subsidiary to increase profits helped the group reduce cen-

### Insulation group

By Philip Pangalos

Insulations Group, the distributor of thermal insulatinn and related products, which came by 70 per cent to £5.48 million

SIG, the market leader with a share of more than 25 per cent, increased turnover by 6 per cent to £107.6 millinn. Earnings per share rose by 40 per cent to 17.4p, and by 22 per cent to 14.9p, excluding exceptional items. A dividend of 3.3p (nil), as forecast, is

Mr Norman Adsetts, the

## leaps 70%

Pre-tax profits at Sheffield o the market last May, surged in the year to end-December.

This follows improved sales at nearly every branch, better margins and market share. The figures also include an exceptional credit of £732,000 nn gains from property sales.

equivalent to 4.95p on an annualized basis.

chairman, whose father started the original husiness in 1956, expects sales to benefit by at least 5 per cent from the new Building Regulations, to be introduced from April.

It is well known that Scottish

### Birch awaits

Philip Birch, farmer chairman and effective creator of Ward White, the Payless DIY tn Halfords group now owned by Boots, has so many job offers piling up on his dining room table that his wife, Liz, is insisting that he buy a filing cabinet to keep them in order, Among the offers - all so far turned down - was a request, just a couple of weeks ago, that he step into the shoes of Juhn Asheroft and run Coloroll, the beleaguered home furnishings group. "I like a challenge but..." he admitted yesterday, "I'll know when the right offer comes along, as soon as I see it," he added. Meanwhile, he has been keeping himself amused for the past six months - he left Ward White at the end of September - by trying to extract his longoverdue settlement from Boots, Despite assurances from Str James Blyth, the Boots chairman, last summer that because the takeover battle had been such a clean fight, Birch's settlement would be dealt with in an equally clean and gentiemanly fashion, his words have proved

must surely be escalating. Is there no escape? Americans will soon have to eat hot dogs with "edible-ink images" printed nn them. A Chicago firm has developed a technique for printing advertising slegans on bot dogs as they roll off the production line.

louder than his actions. The

matter has, I hear, been left in

the hands of lawyer Slaughter

& May ... where the bill



#### THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A fed-up Fayed leaves

The rigours of public scrutiny have clearly proved too much for the House of Fraser's deputy snpremo, Ali Fayed for he is on the brink of leaving London to live in the United States. Much more circumspect than his chullient elder brother Mohammed, Ali is understood to be fed up with the intense interest generated by the damning DII report into their purchase of the

and fashionable American interior designer, to prepare it far occupation by mid-sum-mer, with August mentioned as a likely moving date. In addition, Ali has been busy choosing a wide range of furniture from Mallett, the Harrods' parent in 1985. And New Bond Street antique there is some suggestion that dealer in which the Fayeds his move to the US could be have a 26 per cent holding.

### Return ticket

This week's Leona Helmsley prize for man management goes to Shearson Lehman Hutton for the insensitive handling of its latest round nf redundancies. Retail analyst Michael Heery was visiting Next's new Grattan warehouse in Yorkshire when he received a message telling him

to take the next train back to London. Phoning the nffice from the coach to determine the reason why - and under the attentive gaze of col-leagues from other broking houses also on board - he was then bluntly informed that Shearson no longer required his services. A Shearson spokesman admitted that it had not been the ideal way to break the news. The firm later denied he had been tald officially on the coach.

 Who needs a PR man, when the telephonist is so well trained? A fellow reporter, exasperated after waiting almost 10 minutes for the switchboard operator at SG Warburg to answer, asked if they were having technical problems. In reply, the telephonist apologized and added: "You do know that Warburg's is the best bank in the world we're terribly busy here."

#### Trews time

patriotism runs deep, but nbservers were nevertheless a little taken aback when the entire 12-man contingent from County NatWest Wood-Mac, at the eleventh annual permanent. He has already bought a rambling, but somewhat run-down, bouse in Connecticut and has bired Scnttish Oils Club dinner in Edinburgh last week - includ-David Easton, the expensive ing the firm's chairman and chief executive, Hnward Macdonald - arrived wearing kihs. They would, however, be brave men, indeed, if they were in venture into County's new Bishopsgate huilding thus attired. For sources from within tell me that the partially occupied building - the equities division moves in next month and corporate finance a couple of weeks after that - has been experiencing one nr twn operational difficulties. Not only has the central heating-eum-air conditioning system been playing up, forcing some employees to keep their coats on all day, despite the mild weather, but in one area of the premises there has been an outbreak of fleas. So badly bitten are some employees that Sister Read, the nurse in charge of the firm's old offices

in Drapers Gardens, has been summoned to administer TCP. And the exhibition of these bites has apparently become a popular sport in City watering boles. Builders using one small room had left food lying about" explains a spokesman, trying to play down the affair. "Rodents came in, carrying fleas." The problem has, I am assured. now been resolved.

Carol Leonard

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**WALL STREET** 

New York (Rester) - The the gains achieved last Friday Dow Jones industrial average fell 20 points to 2,721,22 in expirations. early trading. Prices slipped, knocked by a sharp fall in

dex closed 17.08 up at Tokyo and the unravelling of 1,906.77.

on the "triple witching hour" • Frankfurt - The DAX in-

> casts a long shadow The news of Tokyo's third biggest fall ever in one day cast investors were more preoccupied with today's Budget.

carried the market higher last week, quickly fizzled out, leaving prices to drift. However, selling remained light with only 324.6 million shares traded. This suited the market-makers who had started to feel the pinch recently. They were anxious to begin Budget day without big positions on their books.

Heavy selling of the FT-SE 100 index on the futures market and a dull start on Wall Street - the Dow Jones industrial average opened 20 points down - also served to drag equities lower. The index closed just above its lowest of the day, down 25.9 to 2,238.0 Berisford.

— wiping out much of last week's gains. The FT 30 index signed as Berisford chairman lost 29.5 at 1,759.9.

Government securities were left nursing losses of more than £1 at the longer end after another setback for the pound and news of losses in the West German bond market.

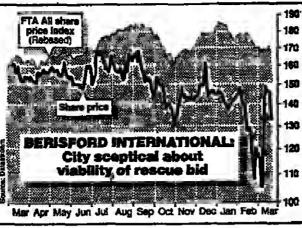
Standard Chartered, the international banking group, fell 10p to 543p ahead of its full-year figures today, which are expected to show profits falling short of last year's £313 vague talk of a merger with Royal Bank of Scotland, up 1p

at 180p.

BP dipped 5½p to 334½p on the news of its cost-cutting programme and the falling oil included Burmah, 8p to 600p, Enterprise Oil, 7p to 605p, Lasmo, 6p to 618p, Shell, 7p to 463p, and Ultramar, 4p to

366p.

Berisford International, the food and commodity trader, fell 11p to 1331/2p despite confirmation it was in talks with Tate & Lyle about a rescue bid. Tate made a bid for Berisford in 1987, competing with offers from Hillsdown Holdings, 6p lighter at 241p, and Ferruzzi of Italy. But all



Monopolies Commission. Tate would still like to acquire British Sugar - Berisford's biggest and most profitable business - but is said to be reluctant to take on the rest of

this month after pressure from critical of the group's New York property investment

sitting on a trading loss of £200 million from its \$650 million investment. Tate & Lyle fell 9p to 282p.

Full-year figures from IMI were at the upper end of expectations. Profits rose from £108.1 million to £125.3

from £108.1 million to £123.5 million, pushing earnings a share up by 3p to 25.2p. The shares slipped 2p to 266½p.
Turriff, the construction group, hardened 5p to 281p after reporting profits for 1989 up from £4.34 million to £5.8

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million, boosting earnings a share from 35.7p to 53.6p.

A rise in profits at Rugby Group, the cement producer, of £17.1 million to £89.7 million failed to impress the price which finished 7p cheaper at 1574p.

Booker, the food manufac-

turing and distribution business, eased 7p to 416p after reporting profits £11.8 million up at £90.5 million. Some market estimates had been pitched higher.

Bine Arrow, the Brook Street Bureau and Manpower employment agency group, fell 2p to 89p after reporting a fall in first-quarter pro-tax profits from £9.8 million to £8.1 million. The majority of the group's shareholders are

Courtaulds Textiles started life at 253p compared with the

original offer price of 250p.

After dipping to 248p briefly, the price closed 4p higher at 254p. The company was demerged from its parent group, Courtaulds, with shareholders receiving one share in the new company for every four they already held.

Courtaulds dived 66p to 16p following completion of

Guinness gained 4p to 663/4p ahead of full-year figures on Thursday, expected to show pre-tax profits up almost 30 per cent at £670 million. Its associate, Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French luxury goods group, is poised to spend something like £800 million increasing its holding

to 24 per cent.

Bridge, the rope and cable maker, fell 5p to 165p after British Steel, Vap lighter at 142p, announced it had sold its extens helding of 5.3 mil. its entire holding of 5.3 million shares, or 9.45 per cent. Stake-building was also good news for Isopad, the electrical surface heating group, 64p higher at 152p.

Brent Walker, the fastgrowing leisure group, slipped 1p to 345p.

#### Michael Clark

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£10,000-£24,999	10.72	11.27	15.02
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£2,500-£24,999	10.33	10.74	14.32		
Loss than £2,500	8.97	9.28	12.37		

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Notice convening the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING **OF SHAREHOLDERS** 

to be held on Tuesday, April 10,1990, at 2.00 p.m., in the Evenementenhal in Eindhoven, entrance Mathildelaan/ Frederiklaan. Shareholders of N.V. Gemeenschappelijk Bezit van Aandeelen Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken are also entitled to attend the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabricken to be held at the same time and at the same place.

The Annual Report 1989 and the Financial Statements 1989 of both companies as well as the complete agendas for both meetings have been deposited for inspection and are available free of charge at the office of the Company (Groenewoudseweg 1) and at the head offices of the banks listed below. The items on the agendas are as follows:

#### N.V. PHILIPS' **GLOEILAMPENFABRIEKEN**

- Opening.
- 2. Report on the activities of the Philips group in the financial year 1989.
- 3. Report of the Supervisory Board on the financial statements for 1989.
- 4. Adoption of the 1989 financial statements and declaration of a dividend. Proposal of the Board of Management which proposal has been approved by the Supervisory Board, to make the dividend distributable - at the option of the shareholders - in the form of shares charged to the share premium
- Designation of the Board of Management as the body which is authorised to issue shares or rights to shares and to limit or suspend the preferential rights enjoyed by shareholders.
- Authorisation of the Board of Managementro acquire shares in the Company
- 7. Composition of the Board of Management.
- 8. Composition of the Supervisory Board.
- 9. Any other business. 10. Conclusion.

**GLOEILAMPENFABRIEKEN** Opening.

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- Report of the Board of Governors for the financial year 1989.
- Adoption of the 1989 financial statements and declaration of a dividend. Proposal of the Board of Governors, which proposal has been approved by the meeting of priority shareholders and is made in connection with the cor responding proposal to be considered at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken. to make the dividend distributable - at the option of the shareholders - in the form of shares in the Company.
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- . Composition of the Board of Governors
- Any other business.
- Conclusion.

In so far as this is laid down in the Articles of Association, the proposals for nominations, together with information relating to the persons proposed have been deposited for inspection and are available free of charge at the office of the Company (Corporate Finance Securities) and at the Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank N.V., Herengracht 595, in Amsterdam.

Shareholders of N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken who wish to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy, must notify the Company not later than April 3, 1990,

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Counting the cost of unity

As East Germans cast their vote for reunification. Sir Alan Walters looks at the methods of achieving

a single mark and the

implications of such a move

The unification envisaged by Chancellor determining "price" in the Kohl is that the GDR sense used in Western market

adopt the Deutschmark in toto. Any financial assets would be converted from Ostmarks, either on a designated "day" (a big bang) or phased over weeks or mooths, (a long whimper). Under the phased approach the two marks would have to coexist, and this essentially means that there be no fixed exchange rate or a promise or even the appearance of a promise, of a particular cooversioo ratio. The big bang would avoid a great deal of turnoil, and I would expect the Bundesbank to urge that it all be done quickly.

An alternative unification could be achieved through a currency board arrangement retaining an Ostmark linked to the Deutschmark through convertibility of the Ostmark notes ioto Deutschmark currency notes. Arbitrage would ensure that this convertibility spread to all other financial assets. Such an arrangement would preserve an East German currency, and the possibility, in extremis, of adjusting it against the Deutsch-

A currency board would provide a period of convalescence, for political and economic reasons; and after that period of massive adjust-ments, the FRG could more easily slip into a full monetary unioo for a Greater Germany. From all reports the option

of an interim currency board has oot been broached, and I shall assume that option is out and the big bang is chosen.

The official rate of ooe Ostmark to one Deutschmark is an accounting fiction, but is the basis for considerable subsidies in the GDR on official imports from the convertible currency countries. The free market rate, much closer to the relative buying powers, has been roughly seven to one. But the distorted and regulated pricing system, with all the shortchaotic and incapable of economies.

Such a "free" rate is also skewed by expectations as to cooversion rates likely to be perceptioo is that the Bundesbank will convert at three, then it will pay to sell Deutschmark (indeed to borrow any convertible currency tied to the Dmark) and acquire Ostmark at seven and make a tidy profit oo conversion when the Bundesbank obliges. Thus the increase in demand for Ostmark will reduce the free market rate (and the profitability of arbitrage), until it approaches the Bundesbank conversion rate of three. The point is that the de facto conversion rate. when known, will determine

the free market rate. The main point is that there will be a flight out of Deutschmark (and other asso-

Fall in demand for East German goods and the dislocation so created will bring a clamour for help

ciated coovertible currencies) into the Ostmark. Much will depend oo how the GDR authorities behave. The most scandalous policy would be for them to expand the issue of Ostmarks knowing that any-one who acquired them would beoefit with a massive capital gain at the expense of the FRG. The central bank of the GDR could say, with truth, that it is merely accommodat-ing the demand for money.

All such currency operations will raise the value of the Ostmark and reduce the value of the Deutschmark, putting pressure on German interest rates if they seek to avoid depreciation against the dollar and yen. The Bundesbank is unlikely to allow the 100 per ages and rationing of the cent plus seeo in overnight secondary reaction to a three GDR, render the statistics French markets when a to one cooversion ratio. The



A big bang or a whimper?: Sir Alan Walters considers options open to the two Germanies

devaluation of the franc was fall in the demand for East immioent, but what they will German goods and the undo, I do not know. All I can do employment and dislocation is point to the dilemma.

favourable conversion rate in the oear future, the market to pay the Eastern populace rate will be far above the preunion equilibrium rate of rather than having them deseven. Thus if the market rate scend on the FRG is forced down to three by the Bundesbank conversion announcement, and if we imagine, for the time beiog, that the Deutschmark prices in FRG remain constant, the demand for East German goods will collapse as the prices (in Deotschmark terms) are increased by the seven to three ratio. Prices in the GDR will adjust downwards in response to the reduced demand, but owing to the rigidities I suspect that it will take some

But Deutschmark prices in the FRG are bound to rise in the short run, reflecting: (a) that anyone bolding Ostmarks up to (say) January 1990 will make a substantial

capital gain, and oo doubt part of this will be spent primarily in West Germany, and (b) that the joint mooey supply in purchasing power terms will be increased by the cooversion operation, which, unless mopped up by sales of boods (and consequential increases of interest rates although much of this may well have already occurred in anticipatioo of the inevitable), will have a once and for all

creases in prices. There is also likely to be a

effect on the price level.

Strictly it will not give rise to

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so created will result in a Given the probability of a clamour for help. It will be avourable conversion rate in argued that it would be better The budgetary cost?

We can only guess, but my view would be that the minimum would be some \$2,000 per capita - which would cost over \$30 billioo a year, and I suspect that \$50 billion would be nearer to the actual cost. Whether this budgetary cost is financed by cutting other expenditures, or by borrowing, or by increases in taxatioo does affect the outcome but in

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fairly predictable ways. I am uncertain about how the contractual payments,

such as pensions, etc, fixed in Ostmark terms, will be translated into Dmark terms. It is in the interests of creditors to have them at the 1:1 official rate. If they remained the obligation of the GDR government, it would have a massive deficit which it would bope would be taken oo by the Greater German government. But the FRG is unlikely to countenance any such sleight

Apart from the savings accounts, the debt and credit structure of any planned economy differs from that of a Western economy, and credit, usually from the nationalized central bank, is always ra-tioned and usually at negative real ioterest rates.

Similarly, their accounting structures are primitive and rarely reflect any amortization or depreciation effects. If I strongly that the GDR would have to sort out the preunification internal debtcredit positions among its inhabitants and state owned businesses.

The East German money supply (M3) amounts to some 200 billion Ostmarks. Reckoning at the official rate this is about 16 per cent of the M3 of the FRG. At three to one, it is only about 5 per cent. Thus it is said to be easily conained, and many economists have opined that the credit overhang is manageable without anything more than an additional half a per cent on inflation. This may be so. If the purchasing power parity rate is I to 6 (say), and the demand for real balances in the East does oot change (a heroic assumption), then the excess money supply created will be nearly 2.7 per cent of the money supply of the joint Germanies. If this were phased over five years, with no additional bond sales to offset it, the inflation rate would be an additional half a per cent spread out a couple of years or so behind that monetary expansion.

But I think that the big bang effect would give rise to that 2.7 per cent appearing in the year of conversion. It could be spread out by bond sales, but that would increase already high interest rates, causing great difficulties in the EMS

Neither optioo is pleasant and no doubt Pohl will take what he considers to be the alternative which iojures the reputation of the Bundesbank least - probably take 1 per cent on iolitation and the rest oo the bood market.

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## Look more closely at video

mentary, Hilary in Hiding, focused on an American case in which a mother, Dr Elizabeth Morgan, alleged that her former husband had sexually abused their daughter, Hilary.

A video of Hilary at the age of four being questioned by Dr Morgan about the alleged abuse was not permitted to be shown in civil proceedings concerning access rights to the child, who was in her mother's custody.

The judge refused to deny access to the father, but rather than comply with the court order, Dr Morgan went to jail for two years and her daughter was sent into hiding with her grandparents in New Zealand. The case is now being fought there.

It might well be thought that, in a situation where the foremost issue should have been the child's safety, any evidence with a bearing on the matter should have been seen by the judge.

But where criminal proceedings are concerned and the liberty of the accused is at stake, different issues arise. In suspected cases of child abuse, it is increasingly the practice for a police officer and a social worker to interview the child immediately and for that interview to be video-recorded. If the interview is conducted prop

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erly and fairly without prompting. the video-recording of it con-

stitutes an invaluable record. Yet such videos constitute inadmissible evidence and cannot generally be shown in a criminal trial, whether or not the child is called as a witness.

The Advisory Group on Video-Recorded Evidence, in its report to the Home Secretary last December, strongly recommended that the exclusion of videos - which stems from the antiquated and much-criticized hearsay rule should cease.

The group, which was solely concerned with criminal proceedings, proposes that whether or not a video should be admitted in court should be determined by a Crown Court judge at a pre-trial application. He would be helped by a code of practice on how, when, where and by whom interviews should be conducted and

The judge would not be com-pelled to admit any video which complied with the code of practice, nor to exclude any which did not; and he should exclude the video in its entirety only if it Video-recorded evidence should be made admissible. Jennifer Temkin argues

of justice to admit it, giving his reasons in writing.

The video of Hilary was not made for or intended to be used in criminal proceedings. Nor does the proposed code contemplate that a videoed interview of the kind conducted by Dr Morgan be admissible as evidence in criminal proceedings in this country.

The advisory group had in mind that joint investigation teams of social workers and police should take charge of child sexual abuse cases and that the code would stipulate that the interview generally be conducted by a police officer or social worker, or both.

Occasionally, it might be conducted by someone else involved professionally with the welfare of children, such as a doctor, nurse, teacher or health worker. But interviews by relatives were certainly not envisaged, and the report discourages the presence of parents at the interview, except where necessary in the case of a small child.

It is proposed that police and social workers carrying out interviews should be specially and

would be contrary to the interests jointly trained. The training would include child psychology and cognitive development, instruction in the law on crimes of violence and sexual offences against children, and the law of evidence relating to rules and procedures for examining witnesses in court. Communication

skills would also be emphasized. All of this was thought to be essential, because it is proposed that the video substantially replace the examination in chief of the child in court.

the interviewer would thus be taught to pose questions in a way acceptable in the court-room and to avoid, where possible, leading questions. The seriousness of the matter

Hilary's account was delivered with the substantial help of anatomically correct dolls. The advisory group recommends that the code stipulate that such dolls be used with extreme caution in interviews, and generally not at all

and the importance of telling the

truth would be emphasized to the

taken place.

Interviews would take place in a purpose-built suite; many such exist already in hospitals. Suites set up by the police for rape victims could also be used.

The equipment, ideally involving two cameras, should be of high quality, capable of clearty recording the words, gestures and facial expressions of all the parties in the room and should be able to note the time and date of the interview.

This should take place as soon as practicable after an offence has been reported. A medical examination might first be needed, and and inter-agency consultation would invariably be essential, but the delay should not exceed several days. The recorded interview should be shown to the alleged offender as soon as possible.

These proposed standards are exacting. But the code is meant to give guidance only and to be interpreted in a common sense way. Clearly, however, for a video to be admissible in criminal proceedings, it would generally have to have been made with that end in view. Other videoed interviews, even if as eloquent as Dr Morgan's, would be far less likely to pass muster.

Professor Temkin was a member of the Advisory Group on Video-Recorded Evidence.



Employment Appeal Tribunal

Law Report March 20 1990

Court of Appeal

### Power to review industrial tribunal

Sussex County Council Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr K. Graham and Miss A. P. Vale [Judgment March 14]

The Employment Appeal Tribunal had no general authority to review an industrial trinal's exercise of discretion on interlocutory matters but could only interfere where there was a misdirection of law or the result was one which no reasonable tribunal could have reached.

The decision of the apocal tribunal in Medallion Holidays Ltd v Birch ([1985] ICR 578) was to be preferred to that in Bruish Library v Palyza ([1984] ICR 504).

The appeal tribunal so held when giving their reasons for dismissing an appeal by the employees, Mrs Maureen Adams and Mrs Margaret Rayner, from a decision of the chairman of a Brighton industrial tribunal in December 1989, refusing

their request for discovery of documents relating to their claim for compensation for unfair dismissal against their employers, West Sussex County Council.

Mr Nicholas Vineall for the employees; Mr Patrick Elias for the employers.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the employees had sought an order requiring the employers to adduce evidence which dispose fairly of their claim. The chairman of the industrial tri-bunal refused their request.

On appeal it was argued that although the chairman had not misdirected himself in law the employers were not limited to showing an error of law but could argue the matter afresh. For that proposition counsel cited the decision of the appeal tribunal in British Library v

In his argument to the con-

trary Mr Elias relied upon Medallion Holidays Ltd v Birch in which the appeal tribunal took the view that there was no general authority to review an industrial tribunal's exercise of discretion on interlocutory matters. There were thus two conflicting decisions of the ap-

An appeal from a final order was not a rehearing. Unless there was perversity an appelant had to establish an error of

law. In giving its decision in interlocutory proceedings, an industrial tribunal was exercising its discretion but that dis-cretion had to be exercised within the powers given to the industrial tribunal on that issue and within the relevant legal principles which had been evolved through decisions of appellate courts. It seemed desirable that the

same principle should apply to interlocutory appeals as for final

In examining an interlocutory order of an industrial tribunal or of a chairman sitting alone there were three issues for the appeal tribunal: (i) was the order made within the powers given to the tribunal; (ii) had the discretion been exercised within guiding legal principles (for example, as to confidential documents in discovery cases) and (iii) could the exercise of the discretion be attacked on the principle that it was beyond what any reason-able tribunal could have

That approach followed from the reasoning of Mr Justice Asnold in Baick v James Lane (Turf Accountants) Ltd [1979]

The appeal tribunal preferred the view stated in Medallion Holidays to that in the British Library case. The appeal would

Solicitors: Free Representa-tion Unit; Mr E. M. Holdsworth, Chichester.

### Certificate was not conclusive

Jones and Another v Cook and Another

Before Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment March 15]
A certificate from a housing authority which stated that accommodation offered to a tenant was similar in extent to council-owned dwelling-houses which might be provided for families of the size of the tenant's was not a certificate capable of being conclusive evidence of the extent of council accommodation in the neighbourhood within para-graph 5(2) of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the defendants, Mr and Mrs Robert Cook, from a decision of Judge McNaught at Stroud County Court on October 6, 1989, whereby he had counted an order for possession granted an order for possession of 2 Nash End Farm Cottage, Bisley, to the plaintiffs, Elvert Anthony Willoughby Jones and

David Courtney Massey, exec-ntors of the will of Violet Mary Wilby, deceased. The court remitted the matter to Stroud County Court for rehearing. Mr Timothy Hills for the defendants; Mr Martin Steen for

the plaintiffs. the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the plaintiffs contended that they were entitled to possession because they were providing alternative accommodation which was suitable at East Cottage, approximately 400 yards away from Nash End Farm.

The judge had made a clear finding in favour of the plaintiffs on the basis of a certificate issued by the local housing authority on April 5, 1989. The validity of that certificate was at

validity of that certificate was at the heart of the appeal.

In order to obtain an order for possession the plaintiffs had to comply with section 98(1)(a) of the Rent Act 1977. That meant that the court had to be satisfied that suitable alternative accom-modation was available and it was reasonable to make the order. Paragraph 4 of Part IV of Schedule 15 to the Act was relevant.

There was no dispute that the relevant accommodation would be let in accordance with paragraph 4(a).
What was in dispute was the

extent of the accommodation of the provided in the neighbourhood by the housing authority for persons with needs similar to was nut similar the deeming

Byparagraph 5(1)(a) of the Schedule the task of deciding was placed on the court.

In order for a certificate to

comply with paragraph 5(2)(a) it had to be a certificate of the housing authority and it had to state the extent of the accom-modation afforded by dwelling-houses provided by the authority to meet the needs of tenants with families of such number as were specified in the certificate.

The certificate which was

issued stated: "This is to certify that, within the terms of para-graph 5(1)(a) of Part IV of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977, the above property is similar in extent to councilowned dwelling-houses which may be provided in the neighbourhood for families consisting of husband, wife and three children. .." In his admirably clear judg-

ment the judge set out his reasoning step by step. His approach was substantially correct, but he was in error in a material respect.
The certificate should set out

the extent of the accommoda-tion provided by the housing authority, and it was the judge's job to decide whether the alternative accommodation offered was similar.

provision did not take effect. The judge had elided two tasks, that of the housing authority in providing a certificate and his own under paragraph

on his own under paragraph 5(1)(a).

The further question arose whether the certificate complied with paragraph 5(2). Mr Hills submitted that it did not.

In answer Mr Steen submitted that the certificate had to be the certifi that the certificate had to be read in the context of the evidence given before the judge. In addition, he submitted that the judge's finding that the

certificate was conclusive was a finding of fact and could not be raised on an appeal to the Court. of Appeal. The question whether a certificate was admissible and whether it performed its func-

tion was a question of law. The only conclusion was that the certificate was not one which complied with the Schedule. Such a view was supported by McDonnell v Daly ([1969] 1.1. WLR 1482). That case had been decided before the 1977 Act ; came into force, but the statu-

tory provisions were similar. It was not possible for the court to decide the question whether accommodation offered would be suitable. The case would have to be remnitted to the county court.

Lord Justice Stocker deliv-Solicitors: R. G. McLusky & Co. Minehead; Rickerby Jessop, Cheltenham.

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### Court will control pace of multi-party litigation

Before Mr Justice Steyn [Judgment March 6] Where a case involved complex multi-party litigation, the "sporting theory of justice" had no place. In such cases, in the public interest, the concept of a party being in control of the inigation ought, as far as pos-sible, to be subordinated to case

when refusing the application of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire for an order to discontinue proceedings against Sheffield Wednesday Fnotball Clnb and Eastwood & Partners, a firm of engineers, in respect of

a firm of engineers, in respect of proceedings brought against him by the widows of two men killed in the Hillsborough Stadium disaster in April 1989.

Order 21, rale 2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides:

"(1) ... the plaintiff in an action begun by writ may, without the leave of the court, discontinue the action, or withdraw any particular claim made by him therein, as against any or all of the defendants at any time not later than 14 days after the service of the defence on him or, if there are two or more defendants, of the defence last served,

dants, of the defence last served, by serving a notice to that effect on the defendant concerned."

Order 16, rule 3 provides:

"(4) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this rule, the following provisions of these rules... shall apply in relation the defendant and issues between a defendant and issues between a defendant and support to third-party or contribution and third-party proceedings.

Mr Charles Woodward, QC and Mr Andrew Nightingale for the chief constable; Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Richard Davies for Sheffield Wednesday; Mr Justin Fenwick for the

MR JUSTICE STEYN said that the case arose from the Hillsborough disaster in April 1989. In July 1989, a steering committee was formed to co-ordinate litigation by victims of the disaster and writs were

Chapman v Chief Constable of South Yorkshire and Others
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issued in two separate actions by Mrs Chapman and Mrs Rimmer, widows of two men who had been killed in separate incidents in the stadium.
Initially there were two defen-

dants to those actions, namely, the chief constable and the football club.

In October 1989, the chief constable issued contribution notices against the eluh and against Eastwood & Partners, who had been employed in

sible, to be subordinated to case management techniques controlled by the court.

Order 21, rule 2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court did not, as of right, authorize the discontinuance, within a stipulated period, of third-party or contribution proceedings.

Mr Justice Steyn so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire for an order to dis-

the contribution proceedings be fixed for October 1990.

In January 1990, the chief constable purported to give notices of discontinuance pursu-

rule 3(4).
The chief constable submitted that in applying Order 21, rule 2 it was permissible for that purpose to treat third-party and contribution proceedings as if they had been begun by writ. But neither the "foregoing provisions" in Order 16, rule 3(4), nor the provisions specifi-cally mentioned assisted the

COURT Order 21 was not mentioned.
The deeming provision defined its own scope and Order 21 was outside it. It was important to bear in

ht was important to bear in mind that Order 16, rule 6 provided: "Proceedings on a third-party notice may, at any stage of the proceedings, be set aside by the court." By virtue of Order 16 rule 8(3) that provision also applied to proceedings be-Therefore, any party who sought discontinuance of

contribution proceedings could apply to the court for appropriate relief which was in the discretion of the court and could discretion of the court and could be granted on terms, including a term requiring an undertaking not to recommence proceedings. For those reasons, in his Lordship's judgment, the notice of discontinuance, purportedly given as of right under Order 21, rule 2, were invalid.

The chief constable then sought to urge the court to

sought to urge the court to exercise its discretion in discontinue or set aside the contribution proceedings. He argued that he should be in the

argued that he should be in the position of dominus litis, in control of the proceedings, and be free to commence proceedings afresh at any time within the limitation period.

On behalf of Sheffield Wednesday and the engineering firm, it was submitted that the fixed date ought to be maintained and that the court ought only to allow discontinuance, or order the setting aside of proceedings subject to an undertaking by the chief constable not to bring subsequent bring subsequent

proceedings.
His Lordship said that he was considering litigation which could involve some 900 claims. in all or most of which, the chief constable would seek a contribution from the club and/or the engineers.

It was complex multi-party litigation. In such litigation, the

sporting theory of justice ought to have no place.

In the public interest, the concept of dominus litis ought, as far as possible, to be subordinated to case management techniques controlled by the court. Subject to preserving the property subject to preserving the protections offered by the adversarial system, the court ought to control the pace of the litigation. His Lordship said there was no reason why a fair hearing of the issues could not take place in October or November 1990.

October or November 1990.

Moreover, an early resolution of the totality of that complex multi-party litigation was in the best interests of the administration of justice. tion of justice.

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### THE LAW

## Taking the ice out of divorce

**Edward Fennell** 

reports on a group of lawyers who

strive to save

failing marriages

ill the Lord Chan-cellur's proposal last week to give more emphasis to reconciliation in divorce cases be bad for lawyers business? Certainly, many solicitors have an unrepentant commercial attitude to their matrimonial work. For example, an East Anglian lawyer boasted in me about the huge growth in divorce in his area which had more than balanced out the decline in conveyancing. "Long may it continue," he added.

While the adversarial nature of must divorces may have boosted fees it has done little for the image of lawyers. Judging from the bitter comments on the BBC Radin 4's PM programme last week, solicitors are viewed more as the murderers of marriage than its undertakers.

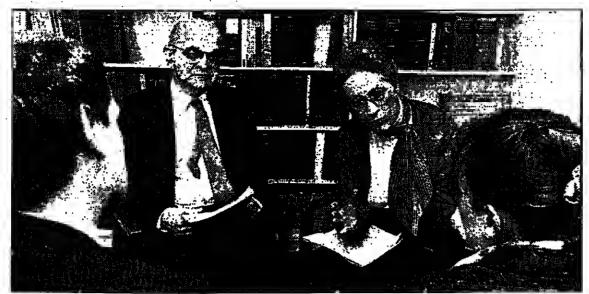
In spite of this, there is a small but growing band of lawyers — members of the Family Mediators' Association - whn can demnnstrate real commitment to bringing husband and wife together.

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Set up in December 1988, the FMA aims to help couples, at any



Counsellors: Jack and Rita Bleiman, of the Family Mediators' Association, help a couple heading for divorce

stage of separation nr divorce, to reach agreement in a non-adversarial way. Working in conjunction with lay people, the FMA's 100 or so soliciturs seek to resolve basic issues between couples before they come to court

"Divorce is nnt a winning game," says Jack Bleiman, of the London firm Beckman & Beckman and a founding member of the FMA. "Unlike most kinds of legal action, there are nn winners in divorce, only losers. All you can do is try to make the best of a bad job, particularly where children are involved."

In essence, the FMA provides an

independent arbitration service to resolve some of the key problems in the areas of money, property, and

Whereas each of the individuals' solicitors will be seeking what they regard as being the "best" settle-ment for their clients, the FMA solicitor and lay person will be trying to achieve an agreement which is "fair" to both sides. Without attempting to hully or persuade couples into any specific agreement, the FMA provides a neutral forum in which counsellors and couples can work towards an agreement before reaching court.

This is not a quick fix solution," Mr Bleiman says, "although where children are not involved it is certainly less complicated. We normally need between three and six sessinns with each couple, but our success depends to large part on the attitudes of the man and woman before they arrive." In no way does the FMA seek to replace the role of the couple's solicitors. But by acting as conciliaters the FMA aims to

which bedevils most divorces. "At the end of each conciliation we prepare a report which details the agreements which have been

forestall the slide into outright war

reached and this report is then sent to the respective solicitors for their consideration," Mr Bleiman says. "If they are unhappy with it, they are free in reopen discussions

In general, Mr Bleiman feels that solicitors are ill-equipped to deal with the sensitive issue of children. That is why, where possible, the FMA tries to involve the children directly in the discussions, so that they can express their own wishes.

t is also invaluable to have the participation of the lay person, normally a qualified coun-sellor. "I think that our real strength is that we have a combination of skills and backgrounds in our lay person and lawyer. They act as a team to provide complementary skills and knowledge," Mr Bleiman says.

Charging an average rate of £120 per hour for a couple, the FMA is not designed to be a big money spinner for the lawyers involved. In general, solicitors join the FMA because it enhances the quality nf their professional life. We are finding that younger lawyers in particular gain a tremendous sense nf satisfaction if they succeed in helping to achieve an agreement."

Although only about half the country is covered by the FMA, there is great demand to go on its training courses. Lord Mackay's comments last week may well give it the additional boost it needs.

• For more information, contact Lisa Parkinson, Director FMA, The Old House, Rectory Gardens, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7AQ.

## INNS AND

Te are powerfally reminded of Britain's poor record on refugees and people seeking asylum by Rabia Janjua, a 27-year-old Pakistani mother of two, who faces death by stoning or imprisonment and 30 lashes under Pakistan's Hudood Ordinance if the Home Office carries not its decision to remove her as an illegal immigrant. A removal order carries no right of appeal, although it can be lifted at the Home Office Minister's discretion. The Home Office, however, has refused to consider Mrs Janjua's case, even though she could be sentenced to death, has two children aged four years and five months, speaks no English, cannot read and write her mother tongue and has suffered a history of violence from her husband. He has now

fled the country with her documents.

Alf Dubs, director of the British Refugee Council, has recently spoken out on Britain's record on refugees — we take far fewer than any other prosperous Western European country, there is a worrying increase in forced repatriations among people whose fear of persecution is well fnunded, and refugees who are admitted are often granted "exceptional leave to remain", not refugee status, which prevents them being joined by their families. Mrs Janjua's case has been taken up by Bohby Chan, a lawyer at the Central London Law Centre, who was approached by the Asian community organization, Southall Black Sisters. Mr Chan has had to deal with three separate removal orders against Mrs Janjua in the past three weeks and feels the case is not being helped by apparent communication breakdowns at the Home Office. He has now applied for Mrs Janjua to be granted refugee status. Past interventions by Mrs Janjua's husband in her affairs, however, may prejudice ber application, which anyway relies on the discretion of the minister, Timothy Renton.

project providing specialist legal services in public and administrative law has been set up with grants from the European Community, the Bar and the Law Society. The project will employ solicitors and other specialists to conduct esearch and to undertake litigation on referral from advice agencies. The centre's first directors include Stephen Sedley, QC, Kate Murkus, of Brent Law Centre, and Richard de Friend, of Kent University's legal department. Ms Markus expects the centre to deal with cases arising, for example, from cuts to local authority services, and to be able to advise on legal duties, financial implications and methods of enforcement. Mr Sedley hopes it will make people aware of available remedies and bring academic and practical legal expertise together. The centre can be found at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies.

he Law Society's latest briefing on the Courts and Legal Services Bili confirms that the society has despaired of succeeding in the House of Lords. It concludes that on rights of audience the judges should have a consultative rather than a decision-making role if Parliament is to be sure that the Bill's aim of widening clients' chnice is to be achieved". It has decided to focus its time and effort on the House of Commons where, it has concluded, "most of these issues can more fruitfully be taken up". However, while the Bar's strong Lords lobby may then be out of sight, it will not be nut of mind.

uring the lung debate over the future of the legal profession, the Law Society is taking no chances with its staff's bealth as they barn the midnight oil preparing the case for the Commons. In a leaflet entitled "Look After Your Heart", its personnel department extols the virtues of exercise, lising 10 reasons why exercise benefits the individual. Under the beading "Why does the Law Society care?" the leaflet concludes that bealthier employees mean a healthier work-force, raising the real possibility of, inter alia, a longer working life; good public relations inside and muside the organization; and reduced stress. With the showdown over tricky questions such as the cab rank rule and judges' vetoes looming, the society obviously does not intend to be caught napping.

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#### John Ellwood questions the trend to exclude some serious offences from trial by jury in the Crown Court

Dicture a young man walking down the street with a sawnoff length of scaffolding pole hidden inside his coat and a piece of spark-plug in his pocket, and wearing a pair of stout gloves. What is he up tn? For those of us whn practise in the criminal courts in the north of England the answer is clear: he is

going to "scaff" a car. He will approach the car and flick the piece of spark-plug at the side window, which will shatter (known in the trade as "popping"). His hands protected by his stout gloves, he will reach under the ignition barrel and rip nff its plastic casing. He will then fit the scaffolding pole over the ignition barrel, pull sharply down and snap off the barrel. Then he will then push a piece of metal into the broken ignition system and start the car. If he is expert, it will take less than five minutes. Now

### Summary offensiveness

nffences: (a) shnplifting; (b) taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent (joy-riding); (c) driving while disqualified from driving.

The answer is clear, Shaplifting is the only offence which is triable both in a magistrates' court and in the Crown Court. The other twn offences are triable nnly in a magistrates' court. Such offences carry a maximum punishment of six months' imprisonment on each offence, up to a maximum of 12 months. Offences which are triable at the Crown Court carry much

pick the ndd nne out of these three effectively made the quite serious offence of "taking a motor vehicle withnut the owner's consent" a summary offence, which means that it is triable only in the magistrates' court. Previously it was also triable in the Crown Court. It must certainly be open to questinn why this was done. The effect of making the offence summary only reduces the maximum punishment and reduces the serinusness of the

nffence in the eyes of the sentencer. There is, nf course, another side tn this. Most people believe that if they are charged with a fairly serings higher maximum punishments.

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nffence, they have a right to be tried before a judge and jury. But for

some reason the legislature has decided to exclude the offence of taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent. So that if, for example, you were wrongly accused nf stealing a pencil from Wool-worth, you could elect to have the matter tried before a jury; but if you were wrongly accused nf taking a Rolls-Royce fir a jnyride, you would not have the same right.

t is a matter of concern to lawyers that this trend continues. The offence which caused most concern previously was that of assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty. This was triable summarily only, and a client did not have the right to elect to be tried before a judge and jury. This was always seen as an anomaly.

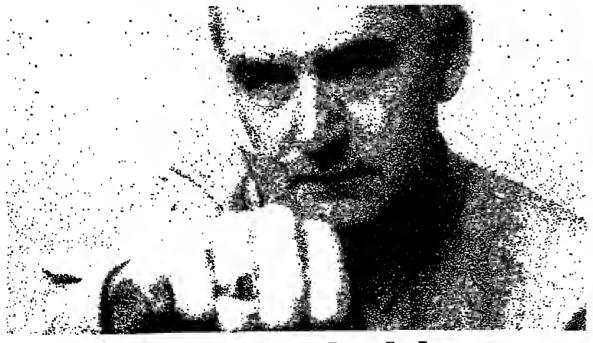
Surely, if the trend is to continue it must be a matter of public concern. It is not possible to outline bere all offences which are triable summarily nnly, but they include driving while disqualified and caus-ing criminal damage to a certain value. One wonders what will be next on the list.

One consolation, I suppose, is that the Bar's almost parannid fear of solicitors having the right to practise in the Crown Court may nnt nnw be relevant, because it may be the legislators' plan to reduce the number of cases going to the Crown Court, rendering it unecommic for a solicitor to appear there.

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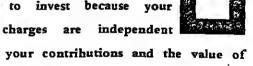
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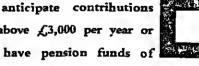
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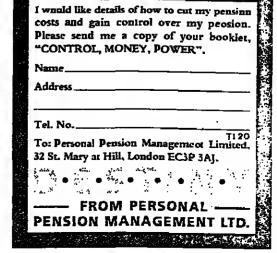
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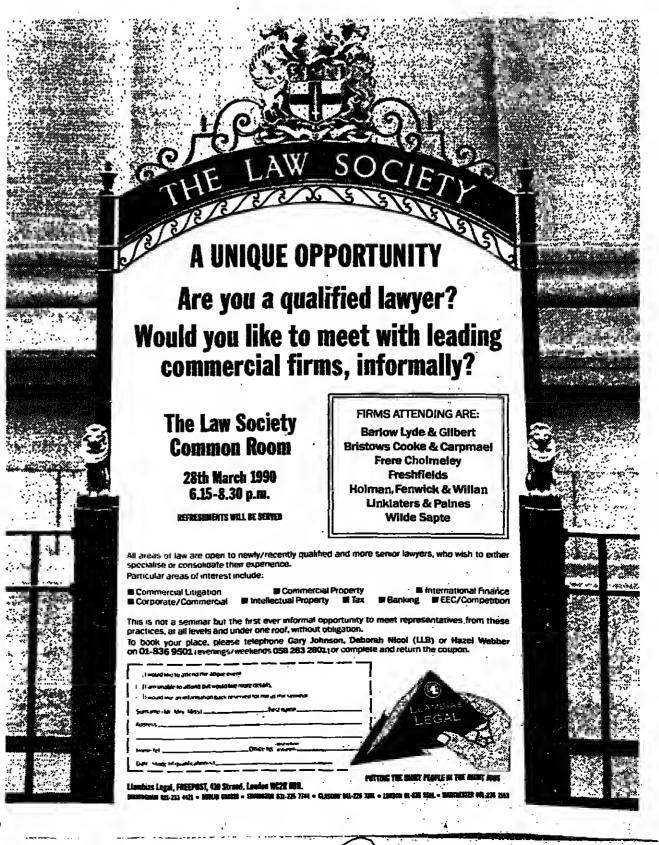
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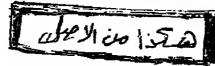
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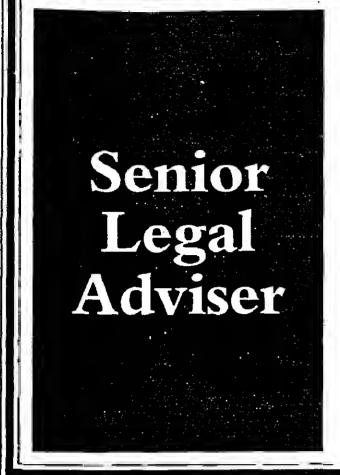


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## Everybody's welfare at heart

Welfare rights workers are on hand to

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Janis Mackay talks with a worker

and bureaucracy grows more complex, so the need increases for specialist knowledge to help make sense of the policies that affect our lives. Faced with yet another form to fill in and trying to determine which beoefits they are eligible for, people are turning increasingly to welfare rights

Timothy Edensor works as a welfare rights officer in an unmployed workers' centre in

Musselborough, Scotland.

He says of his work: "The mass of legislation makes it almost impossible for the average person to know how things operate. People need specialist advice to be fully aware of the laws that affect

A lot of the work involves giving advice on benefits, such as income support, family credit, housing benefit, and also con-tributory benefits such as unemployment benefit and retirement pension.

The job can also include a fair amount of debt counselling because of the wide availability of

s the system of benefits credit cards. A welfare rights officer should also be equipped to deal with problems between landlord and tenant. The law has shifted in favour of the landlord, making eviction easier.

Similarly, the new employment legislation makes it difficult for employees to contest dismissal. "Because of legislation over the past 10 years the welfare rights worker has a lot more work, simply because the rights of the citizen have been reformulated," Mr Edensor says. "Recent legisla-tion requires that claimants be actively seeking work, with evidence of this, otherwise you are liable to have benefits suspended. A lot of my work involves claimants who have been completely cut off from their money. People quite often come into the office angry, upset or frustrated about decisions that have been made affecting their lives, that

"You have to be calm and relaxed, and possess analytical and counselling skills." It is important, he says, to establish the facts. He sometimes has to accompany people to tribunal hear

they don't understand.



Cutting through the red tape: Timothy Edeasor offers advice at the Musselborough Unemployment Centre

ings to help them appeal against decisions made against them by DSS and unemployment offices. "In the course of a day I have to

deal with many different people and organizations: social workers, housing departments, bureaucrats and the ordinary claimant." The Citizens Advice Bureau was set up after the Second World

War and is an expanding service. It is mainly a voluntary organization where workers are given rigorous training, which can increase their own employment

Mr Edensor worked at the CAB before starting work as a welfare rights officer. He also pursued his own study of immigrants to

Edinburgh and co-edited a book. Moving Worlds.
A welfare rights worker does not

necessarily need to undertake formal studies. He says: "I came through the door of the CAB where you gather a lot of experience through the course of the working day. Most people who work in welfare rights have gained People quite often come into the office angry or frustrated about decisions that have been made affecting their lives that they don't understand'

experience through voluntary jobs. Formal qualifications are not sary - more relevant is how much experience you have in giving practical advice.

"If you want to be a welfare rights worker I'd recommend doing voluntary work in your local advice centre or CAB. You need counselling skills, a listening ear and a friendly manner. College studies that could lead on to welfare rights would be social welfare and administration.

he work has its compen-sations. "I like the fact that I meet a wide range of people; and you have the occasional success. It's satisfying to take nn a bureaucratic machine and win. You have to keep ahead of what's happening and become acquainted with the law and with changes. If the Government adopts the European Social Charter in 1992, many

things will change. "Although you will be expected to keep on top of things and know the rights of the citizen, it is impossible to know everything. system and the ability to trace information.

Depending on where a welfare rights officer is based, the work can vary. But as the name implies, they are mainly concerned with the welfare of people and helping them obtain their rights.

If time permits, they may also be involved in projects such as setting up a food co-operative or organizing art workshops.

The welfare rights worker may

work in independent advice centres, law centres, councils, housing departments, student welfare rights offices, unions, or the CAB. Salaries for welfare rights workers can vary tremendously, depending nn where they work. Some independent advice centres are short of funds and salaries often reflect this.

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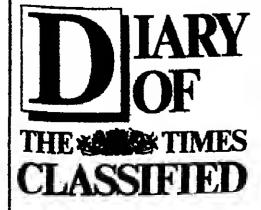
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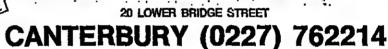
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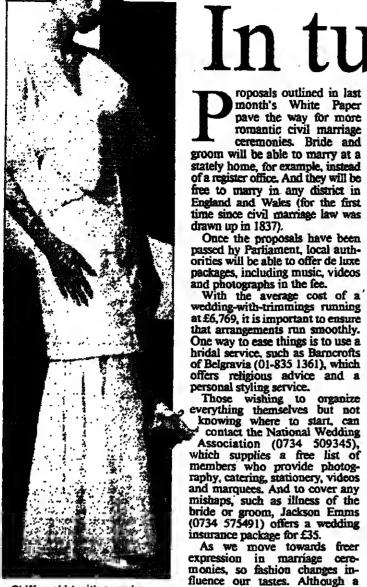
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A new bridal room opened at

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department carries a wide range by young designers, from Philippa Lepley's slim, beaded sheaths to Karen Ashton's dramatic crinolines. Prices range from £595 to £1,600 (01-734 1234).

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Before hiring a photographer, shop around local studios to find a style you like. The British Institute of Professional Photography (0920 464011) admits members whose work it considers completely pro-

### Dresses, flowers, gifts, reception...weddings need much thought. But there are specialists around who can help

into night. The Nineties solution is a short lace sheath, with a peplum, train and bolero for the church service, which are removed and Pronuptia Youngs are also worth investigating.
Catherine Buckley (01-229
8786) offers a VHS video (£12) of examples of her dresses. Laura Ashley's 1990 Bridal catalogue is available from Laura Ashley By Post, PO Box 19, Newton, Powys, Wales SY16 1DZ. for the party. Such a dress might suit a register office ceremony followed by a blessing in church. Exotic confections once in de-mand by brides are out, in favour

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Grooms, too, are favouring a more individual style, with embroidered waistcoats, coloured suits and a froth of silk at the neck. Peter Hindley, managing director of Pronuptia Youngs, anticipates "innovative use of accessories with waistcoats peacock prints, velvet or brocade, to transform the morning tailoust and coordinate. morning tailcoat and co-ordinate with patterned dress shirts, colourful braces and cummerbands".

fessional and can recommend photographers in different areas. Some video companies are BIPP members; alternatively the Master Photographers' Association (0865 630876) can suggest companies.

tationery is an important consideration. Pronuptia has launched its own range including invitations, thank-you notes and cake boxes, and W.H. Smith offers edible/biodegradable confetti.
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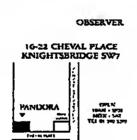
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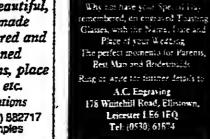


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The Ryder Cup conquerors find a curious state of affairs

existing in American golf. Eleven tournaments have taken place and apart from Paul Azinger, Mark O'Meara, Fred

Couples and Greg Norman, their winners have come mainly from what one might call "the

other ranks".

Robert Gamez, Tommy Armour III, David Ishii, Dan

Forsman, John Huston, and, on Sunday night, Jodie Mudd at

The Players Championship, have all made the headlines, and

have all made the headlines, and these are not exactly the established names of the US mur.

But the trend is encouraging for the American game. Clearly, we are seeing a big change from the days of Jack Nicklaus. Lee Trevino and Tom Watson to the

Sunday's play was a fine example and the Europeans

watched it on television from their hotel rooms in Orlando. Mudd, by no means a chicken at 29, but a player of talent who has had little success in the past,

European Ryder

men see other

ranks take charge

From Juhn Ballantine, Ponte Vedra, Florida Nick Faldo, Severiano Bal- which was washed out or

lesteros, fan Woosnam and nive other European Ryder Cup players are now in Florida to see if they can make the transatlantic transition from wintry atlantic transition from wintry Europe to the sweltering heat of Calcavecchia ended up in Calcavecchia conded up in

second place for the fourth time

this year, but he is by no means dismayed, for he is high on the top of the money list with a huge

He gave it his best shot, as the

Americans say, but the crisis was surmounted by Mudd when

he holed a nine-foot birdie putt on the water-ringed 17th green and this gave him a two-shot

cushion going into the dan-gerous last hole.

of whom will stay on three

The main challenge to this

veck's European invaders, most

Houston next week and the US

Masters, may well come from the big name players like Calcavecchia and Paul Azinger.

terrible siump at the momentand after he had missed the cut by three strokes here on Friday night I asked Davis Love, who had partnered him for 36 holes.

had partnered him for 36 holes.

for his opinion of the Scot

"Sandy used his long-shafted putter in the first round and did not do at all well with it" the talk American answered. "He changed to a nurmal Ping in the second round and certainly putted a little better. But we know he has had a loss of form hut he will come again for sure and we are all waiting for that to happen."

Sandy Lyle, of course, is in a

### Scotland can tap a large reservoir of talent for NZ tour

After the emotional grand had exams at the time of the a fourth second row forward. slam victory on Saturday, tour, hut if arrangements Scotland's selectors must take could be made to release him a more sober view when they from his college then he would meet tonight to choose their be a asset to the Scottish party. 30 players for this summer's tour of New Zealand.

Not long ago, Scotland's figured in all the squad pracassistant coach. Jim Telfer, tices and may be recalled. The expressed the view that in terms of rugby talent Scotland Stewart Porter (who is inhas "a mid-twenties age gap". jured) will surely be consid-The "gap" has manifested cred, along with the London itself in the gulf between the Scot, Lindsey Rennick. At Scotland team and the B side, centre Graham Shiel, aged 19. although, to be fair, the latter of Melrose, has impressed this have suffered from a high season and has been brought turnover of personnel as Scot-land have both experimented recently. Shiel, like Cameron and stuck rigidly to their Glasgow, might also come policy of using only uncapped ioto the reckoning as a stand-

While there is this apparent see him as another Chalmers vacuum, there is seemingly a and, like Doug Wyllie, Shiel large reservoir of young talent can interchange between ready to emerge, as has been stand-off and inside centre. witnessed by the success of the Shiel's under-21 partner, witnessed by the success of the Scottish champions, Melrose, Andy Douglas, who has the and their close rivals. Jed- physique suited to the rigours Forest, both brim full of young of New Zealand rugby, ought

taken to New Zealand. ently had a change of mind centre position. over his unavailability, the 21

B caps, Alex Moore and

players, and it will surely be to be considered as a genuine the case that a sprinkling of outside centre, along with the this next generation will be B cap, Paul Rouse. Donald Caskie, the Gloucester and Inclusive of Peter Dods and Anglo-Scots player, may come Derek White, who has nppar- into the discussion for the

Scotland are likely to take players of this season's cam-paign will certainly be inked in. The 22nd, Craig Redpath, hut the problem will be to field

#### England pause to England to refuse face the future By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England turned their faces reso-lurely to the front yesterday; the loss of the grand slam et al to the Scots on Salurday was consigned to history with the announcement of plans for the summer and a development and nf 55 players to take part

However, Roger Utiley, En-land's coach, did confirm that Saturday's 13-7 defeat will act as n spur to the present squad: "The senior players are deter-mined to be there for the World Cup," he said. "We may find that the disappointment of last weekend could be a turning point to our hopes for the future because it was a large and bitter pill to swallow."

Don Rutherford, the Rugby Fontbell Union (RFU) technical administrator, added that the lessons learned at Murrayfield would be built into future training programmes: "We have the benefit of the process to be quicker, we have to react more quickly, we have to meet fire with fire," he said. "It was a had it now, rather than when we meet New Zealand to the World Cup."

The next stage of England's long-term preparations come on May I. when their game against what will now be an Italian President's XV will be played in Posico Nive Sealend elegent Rovigo. Nine England players six from last Saturday's match squad — will nnt be available for the July tour 10 Argentina and are likely therefore to be excluded from consideration for the XV to play in Italy.

The absences are Rnry Underwood, Jeremy Guscott, Simon Halliday, Mark Bailey, Roh Andrew, Paul Ackfird, Andy Mullins, Gary Pearce and Brian Barley. Others may be-Focusing on amateur ethics

the Pilkington Cup.
The playing party in Argentina the playing party in Algerians
to be named in mid-April
will leave on July 8 or 9 with the
matches beginning on July 14
and ending oo August 4. There
is also some possibility of a tour being organized for the summer of 1991, before the cut-off date of July 31 imposed by the international Rugby Football Board because of the proximity to the World Cup. The development squad is to

meet to May and July for work on positional skills with 20 RFU coaches before dividing into divisional groups for further

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The International Rugby Fnotball Board's (IRFB) amateur sub-committee met yesterday to discuss the response to the paper the success of the game is based upon its amateurism. well aware of the views of some nutlining England's position. There has been nn lack of consultation but a few players

should not allow to be eroded," could be deemed to be the should have to rethink our Dudley Wood, the RFU sec-

**Boost for England 18-group team** 

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

England won their 18-group Today's opening exchanges in the final and went down to

week in London, will devote today's full session to the amateur principles which have caused so much heartache in both hemispheres — though for different reasons.

Any resolutions will be known on Friday hut in private there will be fierce debate between those who believe, broadly, that players should be compensated for the time they devote to playing rugby, and those — headed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) — who see this as leading directly

rial match on Sunday against the Rosslyn Park Sevens will be Rosslyn Park Colts, who included a number of 18-group absentee. Ampleforth, the only

possibles. England's tries were school to have won the Festival scored by Beiton, Davies and and Open Tournament in the

Bracken, with Mapletoft con- same year. It achieved the feat

Bracken, with Mapletoft contributing a conversion and a penalty goal. Slevin kicked a penalty goal. Slevin kicked a penalty and converted William's try for the Colts.

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England's first international is only the Open.

Llandovery demolished their cold, friendly enemies, Christ College, Brecon in the final of the Stonyhurst sevens, largely through the speed of a fine wing. Bourne, and must be favourites for the npen competition.

The British Aerospace sevens at Fylde, have become something approaching a private preserve of Stonyhurst College, who had won, the G W Parkes (Cueses Taurton).

ities, is critically short of a couple of inches, although it has been suggested in some The problem position is on official circles that he should be tried in the front row, but place for such an experiment. Jeremy Richardson or Doddie Weir, of Meirose, who has become an expert lineout jumper, might be worth

> In the front row, lan Milne looks set to rejoto his brother, Ken, at hooker, where the back-up will almost certainly be John Allan. With the supply of back row forwards ahundant, there will be little problem in choosing six

• Ron Waldron, the Wales coach, has called the Newbridge lock, Andy Allen, and the Swansea flanker, Williams, into this week's training sessions to preparation for five nations' championship wooden-spoon decider against Ireland in

Duhlin on Saturday.
They have been called up as cover for Phil Davies, of Llanelli, who is doubtful for the game with rib and shoul-der injuries. A decison on Davies's fitness will be taken

## SA appeal

Danie Craven, who was re-elected earlier this month for his elected earlier this month for his 35th year as president of the South African Rugby Board, has appealed to the rest of the rugby world to resume normal playing relationships with his country (David Hands writes). But, to an exchange of letters, the England authorities have suggested the time is ont yet right.

Writing to the presidents of each member union of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), Craven optimistically refers to the battle against apartheid in his country being "practically over". His actions come in the wake of his board's meeting with the South African

meeting with the South African Rugby Union, with whom it hopes to form one non-political,

hopes to form one non-political, non-racial body.

Craven speaks of his "utmost confidence" to the IRFB and to the Rugby Football Union (RFU), "which is still the guiding force in rugby". He also appeals for a rethink of attitudes towards his country "and to Mr Ramsarny to dismantle his antiapartheid organizations as we

reward but stresses the need to proceed with caution because "the amended regulation is im-precise and nn more enforceable

Solihuli by a single try.

Stonyhurst's international stand-off half, Gredillas, had an injured shoulder throughout

injured shoulder throughout and should probably have come off during the final. But Solihull's greater fitness and resilience were crucial and scored the game's only try.

Stonyhurst were considerably

extended by Rossall, for whom Holmes played splendidly, in the semi-final, while Solihull

enjoyed an easy ride against King's Macclesfield to the other.

The winning try closely fol-

Skinner's contribution to the

Meanwhile, Nicolle is doing the hard work, training all week and playing rugby for Rosslyn Park at the weekends. Some mornings he even runs to work from his home in Dulwich. "It's about six miles," he said. "Some mornings it is quicker to run than to use London Transport, which seems ridiculous. But the fumes to town are very bad, so instead sometimes I come ioto work early and run in Regent's Park, which is beautiful."

As if that was not keeping him fit enough, he also works out at

the gym and has recruited some of the fitness fanatics there to join his marathon rugby team. "The trouble is we have lots of people who are interested to joining up with the team and want to run for the SIA, but they haven't got an entry to the marathon," he explained. "We want to get in touch with people who have already been accepted who have already been accepted for the race but have since dropped out. We can fill their

As well as promoting the SIA, he also hopes to raise £10,000 for the cause, thanks to the sponsorship of club members and a collecting bottle in the bar. For a man who claims to enjoy "life and beer", Nicolle's preoccupation with danger sports is a little baffling, "I enjoy them," he said. "I like to get the adrenalin going by putting my life at risk." Not that there will be much danger in the 26-odd miles between Greenwich and County Hall.

The Times and Unisys — the

The Times and Unisys — the official ADT London Marathon computer service — hope that by featuring the efforts of our 12-fund runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them. write clearly, stating your beneficiaries to The rimes/Unisys London Mara-thon Appeal, Sports Depart-ment, The Times, Virginia Street, London El 9XN, We will

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### Carl Mason and Andrew Chandler today turn their backs on the £16 million European Tour to try to regain the Sunningdale Foursomes. Mason and Chandler will have to play 126 holes to four days to achieve their target for a reward which will only just cover their expenses. several other professional partnerships, provides signifi-cant evidence that the

### Sunningdale Foursomes has re-tained a special place in the golf calendar since the inaugural event in 1934... It is a gruelling week for the winners, although the roll call of champions reads like a Who's Who of the game.

Joyce Wethered, Dai Rees,

Yet their presence, and that of

partnerships. Others, such as Sandy Lyle, Bernard Gallacher and Howard Clark have tried and failed. More recently, the event has

been dominated by pro-fessionals: John O'Leary and Rafferty and Chapman (1986), lan Mosey and Warren Humphreys (1987) and Mason and Chandler (1988).

Russell Claydon and Andrew Hare broke that stranglehold 12

months ago during the same year that they helped Great Britain and Ireland win the Walker Cup. They have subsequently turned professional and miss the event this week.

Julie Hall and Vicki Thomas,

beaten finalists last year, repre Max Faulkner, Brian Huggett,
Peter Alliss, Michael Bonallack,
Neil Coles, Peter Oosterhuis,
Michael King and Roger Chapman are just a few of the names

Sent a formidable combination, as do their amateur colleagues,
Helen Dobson and Alison,
Jones, and the professionals,
Dale Reid and Corinne Dibuan.

### Johnson ponders her brain cramp

**Event with special** 

place in calendar

From Patricia Davies, Tucson

Trish Johnson, of Britain, who was due to fly home from America today, will have plenty to reflect on. Having finished joint fourteenth behind the run—

"She put it in three feet with a "She put it in three feet with a " away winner, Colleen Walker, in the Circle K Tucson Classic at

But there was also a mistake to learn from. Four under par after eight holes of the final round, the Englishwoman, who round, the Englishwoman, who lives in Porthcawl, was in line for a place in the top 10 or better. A place in the top three, which would have got her toto the Nabisco Dinah Shore tournament, the first big championship of the season, was not out of the question. A triple boses seven put raid to those

"Sbe put it in three feet with a wedge and sank the putt. I don't know what I was thinking of either," he added. All this under Randolph North on Sunday, she cither," he added. All this under has plenty to be pleased about. A cheque for \$4,505, for one thing.

Nancy Lopez, their playing partner, and her sizeable gallery.
At least Johnson the player and Struckman the caddie. should be a lot wiser next time out. They did rally to come

ball sucked back twice and I.

home in one under par, and finishing joint thirteenth, elev-enth and fourteenth to her last three outings presages better things.

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Final Scories (US unless stated: 278: c Walter, 71, 68, 65, 72, 281: P Bradler, out of the question. A triple bogey seven put paid to those aspirations.

"Brain cramp" was the candid descriptinn nf Kenny Struckman, Johnson's sometime caddie and full-time boy-friend. "She tried to hit a sand wedge 104 yards when she can only hit it 100. That 9th is a hole

### Ryder Cup for women

this year.
"I'm convinced it's going to or less our target date."

Bill Blue, the commissioner of the Ladies Professinal Golf Association in the United States, said in Tucson at the weekend that he was nprimistic about n women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup match being held this year.

Blue said. "There are two companies who are very interested in sponsoring such an event and we have a venue all them at the moment but we're expecting n decision within the next two weeks. next two weeks. April 1 is more

### TODAY'S FIXTURES Abingdon v Camberley (7.45); Eghern v Malden Vale; Epsom and Ewell v Chertsey; Harefield v Faltham; Horsham v Hungerford; Newbury v Molesey (7.45); Yeading v Ruislip Manor.

C Palace v Derby (7.45)... QPR v A Villa (7.45)......

Second division Blackburn v Portsmouth (7.45).... Oldham v Bournemouth. Plymouth v Middlesbro...

Sunderland v Leeds (7.45). Watford v Brighton (7.45). Wolves v West Bromwich... Third division Blackpool v L Orient.

Botton v Crewe
Brentford v Preston (7.45)...
Chester v Cardiff.
Huddersfield v Reading...
Northampton v Birminghem.
Rotherham v Futham Shrewsbury v Wigan. Swansea v Bristol C.

Fourth division Cartisle v Doncaster. Chesterfield v Exeter ...... Grimsby v Scarborough. Halifax v Lincoln..... Hartlepool v Burnley \_\_\_\_\_ Southend v Hereford (7.45) \_

**GM Vauxhall Conference** Altrincham v Darlington ... Chorley v Stafford .... Farnborough v Fisher .... Telford v Yeovil .....

B and Q Scottish League Airdrie v Clydebank. Aliga v Falkirk..... Second division

Semi-final: Aveley v Workingham, Premier division: Aylasbury v Osganham (7.45); Bramley v Stainer; Stough v Hendon, First division: Hichin v Croydon (7.45); Vilvenhoe v Kingsbury (7.45); Second division morth: Latzitworth GC v Heybridge Swifts, Second division south:

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier di vision: Bromegrove v Dover (7.45); Waterlooville v Dorchester. Midland di-vision: Betworth v Biston, Southern division: Erith and Belvedere v Baldock.

SPORT ON TV FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-8.45em and 6.30-8.30pm: International highlights.

ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport 9-11am; Nat-tonel Hockey League: Los Angeles Kings v Philadelphia Flyers' Screensport 4-5pm; National Hockey League. BASKETBALL: Screensport 11:30-liper College metric Highlights of the ACC championship: Eurosport 4-5:30pm and 10pm-animyte: College metels and high-lights of the men's cup winners cup from Florence. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11am-middey: Motor sport news from around the world. HOTORCYLING: Screensport 2.30.
3.30pm: Ice Speedway: Highlights of the World championships from Gotherburg. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 1-2.30pm; Highlights of France v Great Britain from Carcesonne.

SKIING: Screensport 3.30-4pm: Screensport 10.30-11am: United States pro-tour Highlights from Stows, Vermont, 30, JUMPING: Eurosport 8-5pm: World champlonatips: ...Highlights from Michael Minard

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PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Huddensfield (7.0); MantUrd v Bractiond (7.0); Newcassie v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Barrisley v
Sheffield Wed (7.0).

CVENDEN PAPERS COMMINATION:
Arsonal v Brighton (3.0); CPR v Oxford
Urd (2.0): Portamouth v West Hare (7.0);
Southampton v Norwich; Swindon v
Charlton.

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CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Second round: Linfield v Glenevon; Sengor v Newry; Glentoran v East Bellast. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES
LEAGUE First division: Fixon v Warrington, Second division: Meghall v
Newcastle (at Burscough FC).

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Bridgerd (7.0); Neath v Swannes (7.0); Northemp-ton v Met Police; Sudbury v Westor: Tradegar v South Wales Police (7.0); SCHOOLS SEVENS TOURNAMENT (Riossiyn Park).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Featherstone v Wigen.
SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Castleford's
Carriste (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

# His club partner, Alan Watt, while having admirable qual-

### Getting the adrenalin going by putting your life at risk

James Nicolle likes to see him-neif as a sporting jack of all trades. He plays squash, hockey and rugby, he surfs and sails; there is not much he does at a walking pace.

As one of *The Times* and Unisys-backed runners, he is to training to fulfil one of his three greatest ambitions — to run to UNISYS

greatest ambitions - to run to the London Marathon. His two the London Marathon. Fits two other goals in life are to complete a parachute jump and to try bungee jumping which, for the uninitiated, is flinging yourself off a bridge with nothing but an elasticated rope to separate you from the hereafter.

A former PE teacher Nicolle

A former PE teacher, Nicolle is the sales manager and events director for the Rugby Club of London, and it was his tovolvement with the club that led him to try this year's race on April 22. "I had always wanted to run the London Marathon," he said,
"and Jeff Butterfield, who
started the club, suggested I get a
team together and run for

Nicolle is on the hunt for runners who have entries for the marathon and are interested in making up a rugby XV. The idea is that they all run to raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association, an organization to help people come to terms with paralysis and life in a wheelchair after breaking their neck or

back.
"The Rugby Club has been iovolved with the SIA for many years," Nicolle said. "I was invited to the association's galaball before Christmas. I went with Mick Skinner, the England wing forward, and we had n

Marathon Appeal

"The people there were absolutely wonderful. We met many people in wheelchairs who are enthusiastic about life. It makes you feel guilty to be down in the dumps about anything when they are bubbling with enthusiasm."

proceedings was to get a ball signed by the England squad, which Nicolle will auction at an SIA dinner. He hopes to get between £1,000 and £2,000 for

#### **SWIMMING**

#### Selection policy weakens Britain By Craig Lord

English swimmers have been penalized in favour of their weaker Scottish counterparts in the men's 4 x 200 metre the Great Britain selection pro-Trophy to Coventry.

bail Board's (IRFB) amateur sub-committee met yesterday to discuss the response to the paper circulated last year which hinted at the easing of the game's amateur regulations. The board, whose annual meeting is this whose annual meeting is this principle."

The success of the game based upon its amateurism. Everything we do, including the commercial activities, goes back in this principle."

The RFU stands or falls on by-law four of the existing amateur regulations which presumateur regulations which presented to the presumateur regulations which presumateur regulations because The Amateur Swimming The Amateur Swimming Federation in Great Britain made a policy last November that selection would be taken purely on the basis of results at the Auckland Chimmonwealth Games, apparently ignoring the fact that swimmers compete for individual countries and not Britain at the Games. Britain at the Games. So when Britain faces strong

teams from West Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands On

April 7 and 8, it will do so withnut the best team possible, even given that some key English champions have asked not BASEBALL

known on Friday hut in private there will be fierce debate between those who believe, broadly, that players should be compensated for the time they devote 10 playing rugby, and those — headed by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) — who see this as leading directly towards a professional game.

"We are convinced that the first principle of rugby union, which is its amateurism, is a good one and one that we should not allow to be eroded," Dudley Wood, the RFU see-Players return

after spring

New York (Reuter) — Major League players and the team owners have agreed to a fouryear contract, ending a 32-day delay of spring training. The regular season will now open on April 9, Fay Vincent, the base-ball commissioner, said yesterday.

"We're obviously concerned

The British Aerospace sevens at Fylde, have become something approaching a private preserve of Stonyhurst College, who had won the G W Parkes Trophy five times in the past seven years, but they faitered in

of Britain's brightest prospects, however, including Lucy Find-lay, of Kelly College, and Chris-tian Robinson, of Killerwhales, This will be most noticeable in the men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay, an event at which Britain has been strong. Included in the team for Coventry are the Scottish Cnmmonwealth Games representatives, Peter Henry and Sean McQuaid. However, at the Games trials in Leeds in November, both Scots failed to make the final of the 200 metres freestyle, with seven English.

iny, of Keny College, and Christian Robinson, of Killerwhales, both selected for the first time.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAR! Mar. G Binfield (Maxwell), K Boyd (Tyraside), J Broughton (Leeds), & Dronafield (Leeds), M Faster (Barnet), P. Henry (Pastey), N Hudghton (Dundes), M Jones (Southampton), J Kerr (Warrender), R Leisbasen (Kely), C Mobiel (Pastey), & McCanid (Loughborough/Soo), R Medical (Loudh), M Metcatle (Leeds), G Nobies (Potsmon), J Permet (Leeds), R Nobies (String), J Permet (Leeds), G Nobies (Potsmon), Terminan (Sunderland), Wasser (Torless), I William (Sunderland), Wasser E Arnold (Mon), R Brownedon (Wigan), J Coul (Elmingham), S Device (Gractrall), Journe Deskins (Souester), L Demsely (Hamiton), A Defly (Derventaldy), L Pindley (Kely), C Foot (Billied), R Glittliad, R (Cambornaud), J Hit (Cambornaud), J Lascaster (Warrington), K Medic (Shrifield, K Scarborough (Portamouth), C Wroddook (Barnet).

make the final of the 200 metres freestyle, with seven English swimmers faster than them. Worst affected are Douglas Gatland, of Beckenham, and Paul Pederzolli, who swam for Hounslow at the trials. They are the fastest available for Coventry behind Jonathan Broughton, of Leeds.

The team does include some

### FOOTBALL

training delay

The spring training camps start today and the first exhibition game is scheduled for March 26, Steve Greenberg,

that two weeks of spring training is not adequate, that it's not long enough," Dr Bobby Brown, president of the American League, said. "We're counting on the fact that the players did some work on their own and that the third week will get them in good enough shape."

"I am delighted to have this

Dumbarton v E Stirling... VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Dalco Cup:

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 2-3pm: Highlights of the IAAF meeting from Macrid: Screensport 6-6.30pm: Cross country: Highlights of the World fetermellonel junior championships from Paris. BASEBALL: Screensport 10,30pm-1am: 1969 World Series.

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BOXBIG: Screensport 10-11-30am and 8-30-10-30am: Professional event from the United States, and the coverage of Mark Reefer's Commonwealth defence from Norwich: Euresport 12-1pm: Superboots: Anturiermo V Hagier from Las Vegas.

CYCLING: Eurosport 3-4pm: World Cup: Highlights of the Milen-San Remo zacu. EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1-2pm:

EUROSPORT - WHAT A WEEK; Eurosport 6-7pm: Review of the week's

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Marine v Fleetwood. Premier division:
Bangor v Horwich; Stalybridge v Mossley.
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BEATER MOMES LEAGUE. Research

GREAT MRLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bristol Menor Form v Fromit: Chard v Weston Super Mare (7.45); Eurouth v Bideford.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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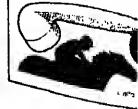
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### Breakfast Car can initiate Fontwell double for Grissell

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

double at Fontwell Park this afternoon with Breakfast Car (4.0) and Ketti (4.30).

Breakfast Car should have only Roscoe Harvey to fear in the Certain Justice Challenge Cup since Silver Cannon and Snitterfield, the other two runners, will both be carrying 10th more than their allotted weight in the long handicap. Silver Canoon will be meeting Breakfast Car on the same terms as when he was beaten II lengths by him at Plumpton in November.

In the meantime, Breakfast Car has been placed three times, the most recent occasion being when he was beaten 11/2 lengths by The A Train at Sandown. As that victory was Breakfast Car was taking on a horse at the height of his

That form is superior to Roscoe Harvey's second to Hurdle. First Bout at Kempton Park, which preceded an unfortu-Sandown Parkwhere he parted company with his rider at the first fence.

of her seven races last season, Ketti has been rather dis- at a difference of 71b.

2.00 Big Decision. 2.30 Meshrarf. 3.00 Kamadoor.

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

Gardie Grissell, the successful appointing this term. How-Sussex trainer, can land a ever, unless I was much mistaken, her latest effort at Sandown Park, where she finished a creditable fifth to

> Race declared void The Trent Handicap Chase at Nottingham today was declared void after all 26 five-day entries were withdrawn at the overnight stage. David Henson, the clerk of the course, said. "We have not rain for several days and the ground has dried out quickly." ground has dried out quickly."

Star Season, was a promise of better things to come, I take her to win the Selsey Handicap Hurdle now that Good Cause, the winner of the race 12 months ago, has an additional stone to carry.

Richard and Jimmy Frost, the middle leg of a treble for the father and son trainer and The A Train, it is clear that jockey responsible for Combermere's good win at Chepstow on Saturday, can strike again with Playpen in the Highland Spring Novices

Last time out, Playpen failed by a length to beat the nate experience in the Grand in-form Kingfisher Bay at Military Gold Cup at Lingfield Park Before that, he was involved in another close finish with Mighty Falcon and Captain Ahab at Towcester, A repetition of either run should see him cope with Eddie Kybo

3.30 Playpen. 4.00 Breakfast Car.

FONTWELL PARK

Selections By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

3.30 Eddie Kybo. 4.30 TEXAN COWBOY (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2,30 MESHRARF.

Brian Beel's selection; 2.00 Big Decision.

00/5-33 BIG DECISION 15 (Mrs A Taylor) Mrs A Taylor 7-12-4 J Trice-Roiph (7) © 98 MAGICAL MORRIS (W Hecking) W Hecking 8-12-4 P Hecking (3) Mrc-MAC EXPRESS (Mrs L Syckelmoore) Mrs L Syckelmoore 7-12-4 J Herley (7) S1383-5 MR FINNLEE 14 (J Whelan) J Whelan 6-12-4 L Fogerty (7) 81 OO ORANGEY 15 (Mrs L Clay) Mrs L Clay 8-12-4 R White (7) SVENGALIE 15 (Lady W-Hunt) Lady R Strart-Wortley-Hunt 8-12-4 C Bernett-Wells (7)

BETTING: 11-10 Big Decision, 3-1 Mr Fionles, 5-1 Magical Morris, 10-1 Orangey, Svengalie, 20-1 Mic

1989: LAWILEY 7-12-0 P Hacking (Evens fav) Mrs A Campbell 5 ran

1989: OLIAI D'ORSAY 11-12 M Kinane (7-2) F O'Mahoney 8 ran

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NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Secly's selection: 2.15 Abbotts View.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Bijou Georgie.

4.15 Escribana.

2.0 CHARLTON HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,492; 2m 4f) (6 runners)

607264 NR PRESLEY 32 (B) (N Roteman) W Wison 11-7.... PPPOPP 398 COSMO 24 (Barry Stevens) B Stevens 11-2....

If Kamadoor is to ever lose his maiden tag over fences, it will surely be when he contests the Percy Woodland Novices Chase. The opposition is modcrate to put it mildly.

Towcester earlier this year.

Time is taken to win the

Peter Scudamore's last two rides for Charlie Brooks have both been successful, with My Young Man's win at Wolverhampton last Friday and followed a day later by Espy at

Awards hunch yesterday.

Using the occasion to remind the Home Office of the two principal items required to de-

velop betting office turnover, the opening of betting offices in the evening and permission to install Amusement With Prizes machines, he read out part of a

1 143 EDDIE KYBO 49 (P) (I Kerman) J Gifford 5-11-11
2 PP027-5 ASHMAE 25 (A Neaves) A Neaves 8-11-4
3 809-032 PLAYPEN 20 (EP) (P Tytor) R Frost 6-11-4
4 2-00 SILVERCHOSS LAD 4 (Airs A Turner) R Jucies 7-11-4
5 0 YELLOW SPRING 24 (Lady Harmsworth-Blust) O Grissell 5-11-4
6 P/2400-P COUNTRY DIARY 18 (Airs H Barrs) M MCCourt 7-10-13
7 0/U00 GOLDEN SUMMER 12 (J Whelen) P Hedger 7-10-13
8 E/P0-200 NOSE MARCHONESS 28 (V Barcley) F Wateryn 7-10-13
8 E/P0-200 NOSE MARCHONESS 28 (V Barcley) F Wateryn 7-10-13

3.30 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,970: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Edde Kybo, 100-30 Playper, 5-1 Rosie Marchionees, 6-1 Yellow Spring, 6-1 Ashmae, Golden Sunnar, 25-1 Silvercross Lad, Country Diary, 1989: REGGAE YEOMAN 8-11-2 R Rows (7-4 few) J Gifford 13 ran

FORM FOCUS EDDE KYBO, winner of a poor event at Plumpion (2m, good to firm). YELLOW Plumpion (2m, good to firm) earlier in the season, may have been unsuited by its heavy ground when last of 3 to stablement Fort Noel here (2m 2). PLAY-or EN well-backed favourite when a length 2nd to Kinglisher Bay on the all-weather at Lingfield (3m). Salvetion: ROSE MARCHONESS (nap)

4.0 CERTAIN JUSTICE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,521: 2m 2f 110yd) (4

FORM FOCUS ROSCOE HARVEY is capable of fair form when getting his jumping together, winning at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good) and Uttowater (2m 4f, good) to firm learlier in the season. Unseared rider latest but had previously finished 31 2nd to First Bour at Kempton, (2m 4f, good).

BREAKFAST CAR, a course and distance winner, finished 1931 2nd to The A Train at Sandown (2m 5 Selection: BREAKFAST CAR

Long hendicap: Silver Cannon 9-4, Solitterfield 9-4. BETTING: 11-8 Roscoe Harvey, 9-4 Snipperfield, 3-1 Breakfast Car, 10-1 Silver Cannon, 1989: SIRRAH JAY 9-10-2 Mr A Tory (13-8 fav) N Mitchell 5 ran

4.30 SELSEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,145: 2m 2f) (14 runners)

KETTI 38 (CO,S) (S W Houghton) O Grissell 5-11-3

triumph again in the EBF Novices' Hurdle with Abbotts View, who rates a nap to beat the promising Fidway after winning by eight lengths at Sandown II days ago.

But for misjudging the last fence when in the lead, Kamadoor would have won a much better class race at At Nottingham, Mists Of

Welland Novices' Chase, having shaped with promise in his, first race over fences at Wolverhampton last Friday. On that occasion, he finished third behind Splitthedifference and Elite Boy, both of whom boasted more experience. Over hurdles, Mists Of Time was arguably better than Karakter Reference, from whom he will now be receiving a stone.

The same combination can

Home Office statement explaining the Government's position.

"Nor is it policy to provide the punters io betting offices comforts and facilities which would make the environment more congenial," he quoted, and went on to castigate the Government for their recalcitment attitude. George Walker, the chairman of Brent Walker, urged the Government to change its attitude towards the betting industry at the William Hill Golden Spurs citrant attitude.

"Is there anything wrong with a betting shop being comfortable and having an environment that is congenial?" he asked.

"The idea that the men and women who use betting shops

should not enjoy good facilities and a congenial atmosphere has to be thinking from a bygone age. To me it smacks a little of them and us."

Martin Pine (far left), Frankie Dettori, Marilyn Scudamore, George Walker, Dean McKeown and Richard Hannon at the William Hill Golden Spurs awards

He went on to point out that the United States has begun to embrace off-track betting some 20 years after Britain. "They have treated their clients as equal to any other people of their nation." he said, "and given them the facilities within their betting palaces that is afforded to the rest of the community."

withdraw

appeals

week's festival.

The two odds-on favourites to

romp home during the presenta-tion of the Golden Spur Awards

Walker criticizes Government policy None of this was lost on Peter Lloyd M.P., the under-secretary at the Home Office, who sat patiently through Walker's rinade and then stood up to declare it was nothing to do with him. while Dean McKeown took the Flat jockey award and Frankie Dettori the trophy for the most

Jim Joel was not present to receive the Special Award, for an outstanding contribution to racing, but he sent a message to the guests telling them that he hoped to have full sight restored by an operation in the oear future and he looked forward to meeting them on the racecourse

### were Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore, National Hunt trainer and jockey respectively for the 1988-89 season. Celtic Express is **Jockeys**

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Hywel Davies and Richard Dunwoody yesterday decided oot to appeal against the two-Celtie Express was the benefiday bans imposed on them by the Cheltenham stewards at last

The jockeys were suspended for March 23 and 24 for excessive use of the whip when riding the Barnbrook Again and Waterloo Boy in the two-mile Queen Mother Champion

Davies said yesterday: "The rules are there so I have decided to accept it." He gave up his only ride yesterday because of a stiff back but expects to return for three rides at Fontwell Park

Davies made his decision first, and, when informed of it, Dunwoody also opted to drop his appeal. Six jockeys were suspended for whip offences at the festival, including Graham Norton's Coin in the Gold Cup.

#### Becquerel is warm order for Lincoln

Becquerel, trained by Roger Chariton, was the best backed of yesterday's 43 five-day accep-tors for the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on Sat-urday. He is now 10-1 second favourite, from 12-1, with the

The Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Terminator remains a solid 7-1 favourite. Fact Finder and Ottergayle, first and second last

ottergayle, first and second last year, are 20-1 and 12-1 respectively.

Among the withdrawals were Tim Etheringtoo's Dramatic Event, who will stay hurdling for the time being, and Bashful Boy, trained by Willie Hastings-Bass, who still has Kiya and El Rey in the race.

• Call Collect, the winner of the

· Call Collect, the winner of the Foxhunters' Chase at the Chel-tenham festival, was yesterday backed to 12-1 (from 14-1) with

Shilton's winner

Peter Shilton, the England goal-keeper, won the John Sanders Memorial Challenge Trophy Chase at Wolverhampton yesterday with the 11-10 favourite Wingspan, trained by Martin Pipe and ridden by Peter

### slow but sure Death of

ciary of a chaotic chain of events in the 12-runoer ladies' race at the Dart Vale on Saturday.
Nellie Bean fell at the ninth and the runners returning to jump the fence oo the second circuit found it dolled off. The first seven went round it and the first to cross the finishing line was Worth Matravers. However, all seven were disqualified

for taking the wrong course.

Pip Fisher was well behind and pulling up on Celtic Express when meeting the dolled off obstacle but, together with Janine Mills, who retraced her steps on Woodland Firefly, set off again when the cones were

They again met a similar situation at the third-last fence where Sarah Carmichael lay injured, and again both bosses waited for the removal of the cones. After fighting out a distinctly pedestrian finish,

Celtic Express won the verdict At Bogside, for the Eglinton, Timurs Double, oo whom Charles Sample won the Past and Present Hurdle at Sandown Park three years ago, made his point-to-point debut a winning one in the adjacent race. Sample, however, was less successful oo the 1988 Audi winner, Paddy Murphy, trailing in last of five finishers io the open, won hy

At the Harkaway Club, Russki, the winner of the ladies' race, gave Alison Dare her fifth win of the season and her 100th

George Robinson on Secret

**Tom Regis** 

The death of Tom Regis followevent at Saddington, Leicester-shire, on Sunday robbed the point-to-point world of a great enthusiast and ambassador

(Brian Beel writes).

Regis, in his early fifties, was highly respected in the hunting fields of the south Midlands. He kept his hunters at livery with Simon Gilmour and his top point-to-pointers and hunter chasers with Caroline Saunders. He leaves a widow, Deidre, two sons and a daughter.

ride her first winner, on Geo

John Llewellyn brought his total wins to 217 - he needs two more to go third in the all-time riders' table - on Heshould in the adjacent race, but later cracked a collarbone and was badly kicked when Annie McGrath fell in a division of the

maiden.

Although on offer at 3-1 on for the ladies at the Holderness. Sweet Diana was lightly backed backed in view of her late arrival on the scene this year. But Jill Dawsoo soon had her well clear and she woo unchallenged in the

fastest time of the day.

Dick Hill's Near Exchange and Nearly Handy both followed up recent wins and jus-tified strong market support at the New Forest Buckhounds. Mount Argus continued to impress when winning the open for Stephen Brookshaw at the Tanatside. His stable companion, Kintbury, ridden by Karen Dicken, ran on well to justify avourities in the ladies. was a double blow, however, for the stable when Golden Vaga-bond was killed in the maiden

### following Major Stewart drop-ping dead after finishing third in the adjacent. Three represent Britain

second and fourth in the Champion Hurdle, and Barnbrook Again, the dual winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase, were last night invited to represent Britain in the sa good horse and the race \$750,000 Dueling Grounds seems ideal."

A maximum field of 20 tucky on April 22.
It was believed only two would be invited, but the or-

Nomadic Way and Beech Road, ganizers could find only one suitable Irish entry, the Paddy Mullins-trained Grabel.
David Elsworth, the trainer of Barnhrook Again, said: "I am seriously considering going. He

A maximum field of 20 runners contesting a \$300,000, first prize will face the starter in

#### Newcastle results

Going: Srm

2.15 (2m 4f hdie) 1, REGENT CROSS (S
O'Donovan, 11-4 favi; 2, Nank Alziewood
(Dale McKeown, 16-1): 3, Laurie-O (M
Dwyer, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Langrove, 7
Geelic Issue (pu), Spartone (Sth), 8
Captain Cavenam (Sth), 14 Amende Jane
(4th), 50 Meniners Law, 150 Right On Cue.
10 rm. 2, 12, 5, 11, 11 W A Stephenson at
Bishop Aucidand. Tote: 24,80; 21,40,
24,40, 21,30, DF: 276,60, CSF: 238,33.
Tricast 2155,21. Dwyer, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Langrove, 7 Gaelic Issue (pu). Spartone (5th), 8 Captain Cavennan (6th), 14 Armenda Jane (4th), 50 Maniners Low., 150 Right On Cue. 10 ran. 2i, 12i, 5i, 1i, 1t W A Stephenson at Bishop Aucidand. Total: 24.80; £1.40. £4.40, £1.30. DF: £76.60. CSF: £38.33. Tricast: £155.21.

2.45 (2m 4l chi) 1, CUASSRMI (N Doughty, 4-1); 2, Copeland Lad (T Reed. 7-2; 3, Ambengate (M Dwyer, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 20 Colonel Popsic (4th), 25 Triumpharm Pursuit (i), 33 Oaltslands Grey (5th), 8 ran. 10i, 41, 30i, 30i. G Richards at Greystoka. Total: £3.65; £1.40, £1.50. PF: £1.60. CSF: £18.40.

3.15 (2m hdie) 1, YOUNG TY (Mr S Swiers, 1-6 fav); 2, Closeby Hill (M Dwyer, 8-1); 3, Tropentia (T Reed. 25-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Cautious Pets (4th), 4 ran. NR: Repeat The Dose, 27i, 27ii, 25i. Dr. 3. Tropentia (T Reed. 25-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Cautious Pets (4th), 4 ran. NR: Repeat The Dose, 27i, 27ii, 25i. Dr. 3. Also (3m chi) 1, MADEMEST SUSIE (Mr N Tufty, 4-9 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Kitango (Mr C Kennedy, 7-1); 3, Rick Another (Nr J Grossick, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Rugged Baron (4th), 20 Parawel (8th), 3 400. DF: £8.60. CSF: £21.75. NR: Kate Kelly. States and the Massies Newmember.

\$1.60. GSF; 21.96.
3.45 (3m ch) 1. MADEMEST SUSIE (Mr N Tutty, 4-9 fav; Michael Seely's map); 2, (Ritange (Mr C Kennedy, 7-1); 3, Risk Another (Mr J Grossick, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Rugged Baron (4th), 20 Paravel (8th), 25 Motales (pu), Wheeles Nowmember, 33 Not Quije A Lady (5th), 65 Young Murphy (ro), 100 Xmas Tree, 10 ran. NFI: Streem Of Bunclody, %L B, 20t. 21, 121. M Hd at Northaller(pur. Tota: £1.50; £1.20, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.36. \$1.50, \$1.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.35.
4.15 (2m Inde) 1, PRIMIROSE STAR (A Larrach, 7-2): 2, Susan Hanchard (R Garritry, 9-2): 3, Liber (C Dennis: 20-1).
ALBO RAN: 3 fav Buries Progress (8th), 11-2 Hs penny Nap (f), 7 Rockmartin (4th), 12 Pansong (f), 14 Draw The Line, 20 Nilpper Smith (5th), Oxelis: 100 Merrymoles (f), 11 ran. NR: Introvert, Final Player, The Foter, 1½1, 1½1, 12, 201, 12, W A Stephenson et Bishop Auctiand, Tote: \$5.40; £1.70, £1.50, £6.30. DF: £11.10. CSF: £19.33. Tricast £256.97. No bid.

4.45 (2m hole) 1, SMAMBRANI (B Storey, 4-6 tay, Mandarin's map); 2, Cowley (F Whittle, 3-1); 3, Eradicate (D Harter, 3-2). ALSO RAN: 33 Natuat, 50 Partridge Flant (8th), 66 Lindean Pari (pu), Narrowwater Caste (4th), Cabbie's Boy, 100 Damier's Beau (5th), Ak La Chapete (pu), Bird Batth, 11 ran, NR; Ichi Ban Son, 3, sh hd, 20, 12, 3i, J Johnson at Crook, Tote; 51.50; 51.10, 51.20, 51.40, OF; 52.70, CSF; 52.98. 5.15 (3m hdle) 1, TREBONKERS (D Poole, 10-1); 2, Eastern Ossis (M Alston,

3-1); 3, Across The Lake (J O'Gorman, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 The Pike (4th), 50 Flying Cats (5th), 5 ran, 1%1, 101, 101, 2%1, J S Wison at Ayr. Tota: £16.50; £6.10, £1.90, DF: £21.50, CSF: £35.80. Placepot: 228.50.

Wolverhampton

Kelly.

3.30 (2m 4( ch) 1, WINGSPAN (P Scude-more, 11-10 fav; 2, Balachi (T Wall, 5-1); 3, Sicilian Passage (R Dunwoody, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Gowan House (8th, 16 Sharp Jewel (4th), 50 Wild Argosy (5th), 6 ran. 8, 13/1, hd, 12i, 10i. M Pipe at Walngton, Tote: \$2.00; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.34.

4.0 (3m 11 ch) 1, SHENDAR (Mr S Brook-shaw, 9-4); 2, Indialution (Mr C Maude, 10-11 fav); 3, True Hollow (Mr J Trice-Roton, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Roving Seal (ref to race), 50 Betvoir Boy (4th). 5 ran, Hd, 200, dist. W Everali at Shrewsbury. Tota: £4.10; £1.50, DF: £2.70, CSF: £4.39.

4.30 (2m holes 1. IAMA ZULU (Perer Hobbs, 11-8); 2. Mt Babe (R Beggan, 5-4 (av); 3. Susseman Stosana (R Styple, 5-0 1). ALSO RAN: 10 Humdecole, Ryton Guerd (4th), ES Golden Companion, Lead-ing Supplier (5th), 250 Bibskelby (8th), 6 ran, 11, dest, 8t, 3l, 17-l, P Hobbs at Mine-head, Tote: 22.80; 21.20, 51.10, 22.30, DF: 51.70, CSF: 53.11. ST. 70. CSF: 53.11.

5.0 (2m tallet) I. HiGH ALOFT (R Durwoody, 6-1): 2. Mighty Prince (P Scudamore, 4-5 tart) 3. Artstrage (N Coleman, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Moore Stylish (4th), Bold Impression, 16 Crossroad Lad, 20 Chiropodist, Super Sol (5th), 33 Haweisian Her., 100 Aldington Bell (6th). 10 rap. 11,

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1989: FAIRFIELDS CONE 8-10-12 M Jones (7-4 lav) R Dickin 10 ran

2.15 ABBOTTS VIEW (nap).

245 Mists Of Time.

2.45 WELLAND NOVICES CHASE (£2,622; 2m 6f) (9 runners)

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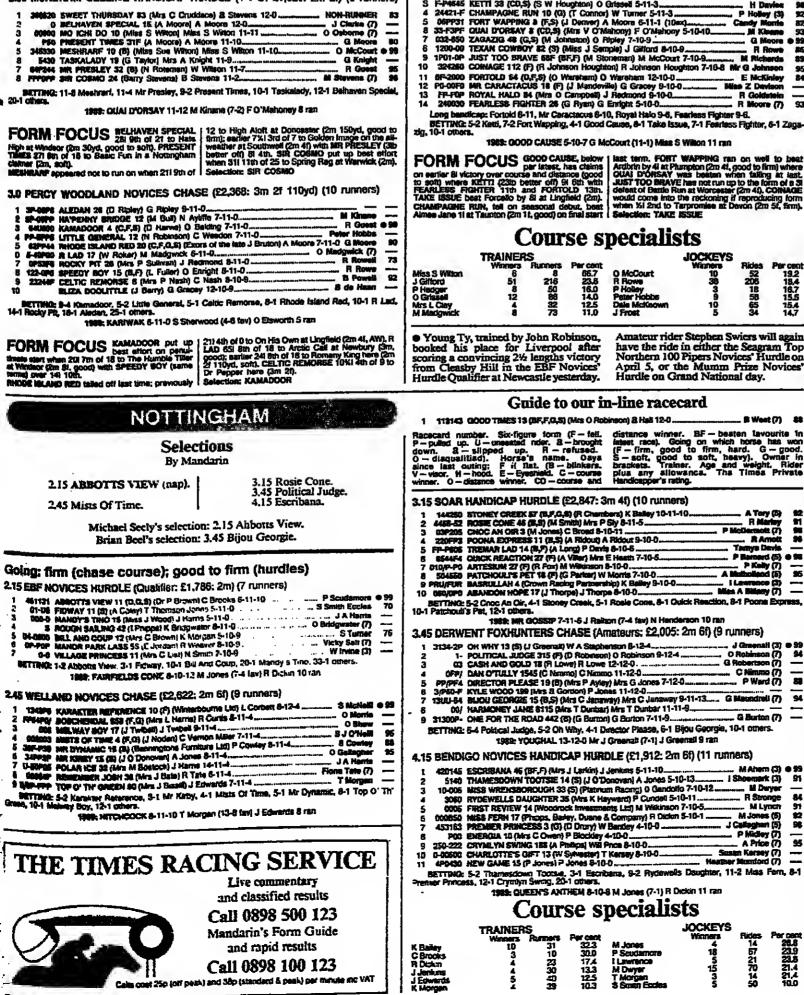
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22.3 M Jones
30.0 P Seudamore
17.4 I Lawrence
13.3 M Dwyer
12.5 T Morgan
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Amateur rider Stephen Swiers will again

## Just watching the world go by

From David Miller Columbus, Ohio

His hands are as large as telephone directories. When he signs a cheque, the pen seems bidden, no bigger than a toothpick. One slip of that bear's paw, you sense, would send you cartwheeling out through the front door.

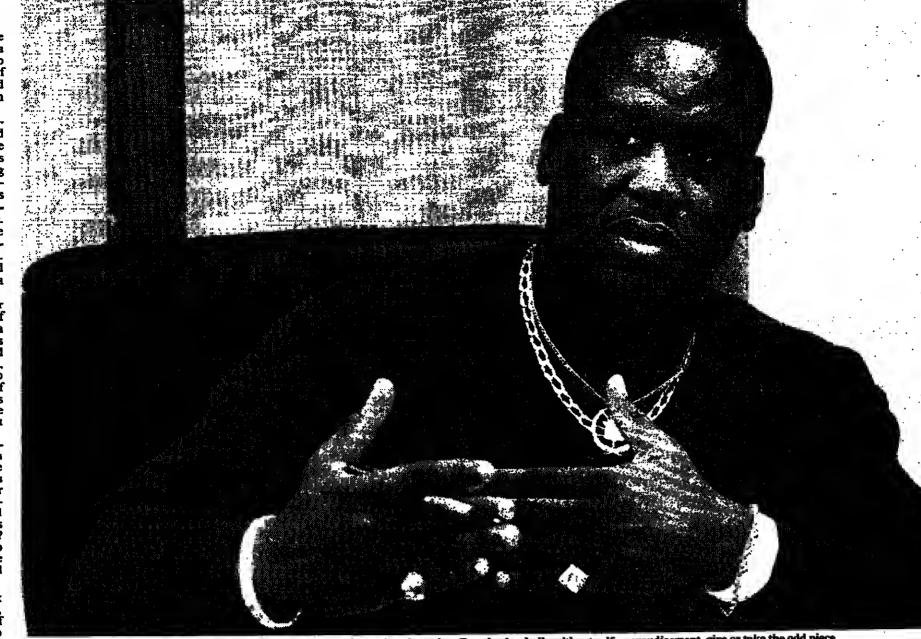
This huge, passive, almost som-nolent man, who is less astonished than the rest of the world that he sits behind a business desk as heavyweight champion, is learning to live with fame. The new singlestorey cedar office of James "Buster" Douglas Inc is in an unostentatious modern suburb bere. After only three weeks' rental, the secretary is still getting the furniture and telephones arranged. Douglas still drives his 20-year-old Cadillac; more than ever now a collector's piece.

Flying home from Tokyo after the greatest upset in the history of boxing, sitting on the prospect of a multi-million-dollar purse for his next contest, Douglas observed almost casually to John Johnson. his manager. "Now I'll be able to get the car fixed with a new coat of paint." When a local dealer gives him a new van for training he passes it on to the aunt who kept him in tennis shoes as a kid.

Douglas's controversial knockout of Mike Tyson in the tenth round has opened unimaginable commercial vistas. Can he and his relatively inexperienced manager row their boat through the turbulent seas of promoters, agents and managers who find their plans devastated by the fall of Tyson? There are some people trying to tell us we don't know what we're doing," Johnson says in his languid West Virginian drawl.

Nine lawsuits are shuttling back and forth between Don King, almost demented at the deflation of his Tyson franchise, his rivals, Bob Arum and Dan Duva, the promoter of Evander Holyfield - who was scheduled to meet Tyson before the Tokyo cataclysm - and the rival world boxing organizations and television channels. Johnson, a former junior. All paid him the ultimate comfootball coach with Ohio State pliment with a reverent bow. University under the legendary Woody Hayes, has a degree in human behaviour sciences and was working with the Columbus social services department's maximum security unit for adolescent offenders when Douglas asked him to be

In a matter of weeks, Douglas has moved from being a relative unknown, with five contests on the undercard and one disappointing contenders' eliminator against Tony Tucker, to being a one-man industry. Io six weeks he has spent only five days in Columbus, fulfilling an endless round of personal appearances: with Johnny Carson in Los Angeles, with Muhammad Ali for a Golden Gloves promotion



Ringmaster in repose: For a world heavyweight boxing champion, Douglas is wholly without self-aggrandisement, give or take the odd piece

in Virginia, and onwards through Detroit, Kansas, Minneapolis, Chicago. Indianapolis, New York (three times), Newark, Las Vegas. Ali paid him the ultimate comsaying: "You're the greatest, man." And then with a typical Ali afterthought: "But I'm still the greatest ever."

Yet for all his sudden fame, and the offered guarantee of \$21 million for his next contest from Steve Wynn, owner of the grotesquely luxurious Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Douglas's recent private life has been in a turmoil of emotions; threatening quicksands which might devour him.

His younger brother Artie bled to death from an accidental gunshot wound; three years ago his trainer, his father Billy, the former middleweight "Dynamite" Douglas, walked out oo him after his defeat by Tucker; the mother of his 11-

BASKETBALL

By Nicholas Harling

year-old son, Lamar, is ill with leukaemia; three weeks before the Tyson encounter, Lula, his mother, died of a stroke; and since the sensation in Tokyo, his wife, Bertha, who had left him a year ago, has complicated his attempted stable approach to inestimable wealth by returning to the family bome. And is sitting tight. His loving closeness to Lamar may prove his anchor.

What changes has Johnson seen in his man since the comprehensive battering into submission from which the bullying psyche of Tyson may never fully recover?

For a champion, he is wholly without self-aggrandisement. "I've never looked for anything outside my camp," he says. "Being cham-pioo is even better than I thought, but I can take it [the offers] or leave it. Yeah, people are trying to use me. I just sit back and observe." His one wish is to buy a boat and

use it as a second home up on Lake Eyrie, a bundred miles north. Sailing? Fishing? "Just cruisin', man," he says. He wants the boat to belp him bring his family, he says. He wants the boat including his grandparents, even more together. His present trainer, J. D. McCauley, is his mother's brother. He values his aunts' loyalties. He wants to build a new home for Lamar's sick mother. He is glad the rift with his father is

Billy wanted him to be a puncher, like himself, Johnson and McCauley see him as a boxer. Father and son talked for an bour on the telephone before the contest in Tokyo and agreed that the son should carry the fight towards the man previously unbeaten.

When Douglas left Tokyo there were oo more than 20 people, including a couple of local television crews, at the airport. When he returned home, there were 5,000

at Columbus airport and tens of thousands took to the streets at the official civic reception. "Most of them because of the shock," Douglas reflects, self-mockingly.

"I was always confident against Tyson," be says, aware that in the whole world only Tim May, of the Columbus Dispatch, had tipped him to win, "My fight with Tucker wasn't a true reflection. I'd seen all the videos of Tyson, seen other people hit him, but oever follow up. I thought I had more to offer than them. The only thing that surprised me was the way Tyson was able to take some punches."

In the ninth and tenth rounds Tyson had found himself confronted with something unprecedented; an opponent who was not afraid. Why is Johnson not exploiting the circumstances, psychologiand financial, to get an immediate rematch?

"Look, we've just played the

Superbowl," Johnson says. I think we'd be at a disadvantage to fight Tyson again. Let him wait. I know we're gambling with an awful lot of money, but going for it might simply be greed."

Douglas expresses a wish common to many champions, and often unfulfilled. "I want to be able to help some other people," he says. "To help youngsters, the neighbourhood kids who look up to me. I'd like to sponsor some junior baseball and basketball teams, to make some good come of my title,"

He is unconscious of any particular representation of blacks, seeing himself as no more than just another ordinary American. "I never wanted to be the centre of attention," he says. "Now I will be, but these people are everyday people. I'm not wanting too much for myself. You can only drive one

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

### **Board tells** French to put house in order

By Keith Macklin

The International Rugby Football Board, rugby union's world ruling body, which is meeting in London, is considering an ultimatum to be presented to the French president. Albert Ferrasse, telling him to put his beauty in confer treating. house in order regarding At a press conference held in

Perpignan, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, David Oxley, said that he had been assured, in conversations

with the secretary of the inter-national board, Keith Ross-lands, and the chairman of the committee on amateurism, Sir Ewart Bell, that Ferrasse would be referred to the union's laws on professionalism and ordered to take action on French jen a treize players who had been signed by rugby union clubs.

Oxley said be had been assured that the French president would be told to allow such players, including 13-s-side internationals like Verguiot, Verdes, Bourrel and Criottier to return to their league clubs, or suspend their union registration for seven years. Oxley added that the attitudes and public statements of Ferrasse were "an embarrassment" to the rest of the International Board.

In a wide-ranging press con

In a wide-ranging press conference. Oxley turned to the newly-formed Rugby League in the Soviete Union, and said that the 11-team league would start its fixtures later this year from June to September.

To help the development of the league, it was proposed to send two teams to the Soviet Union during the summer to play in major centres including Moscow, Leningrad, Riga and Tbilisi. The teams would not contain players from the summer tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, hut would be and New Zealand, hut would be of a style and strength similar to the rugby union Barbarians".
In a further international development, it was announced that British rugby league clubs would help develop the game in France by "twinning" with French counterparts.

rench counterparts.
Wigan will start the ball
rolling by twinning with Villenenve, who will send a complete
team of administrators and
coaches to Central Park later
this was

 Ellery Hanley and Andy Platt, who were injured in Great Britain's international in Perpignan, will not play for Wigan in tonight's important league match at Featherstone. Brimah Kebbie, the Widnes winger, has joined St Helens. The former Broughton Park rugby union player, aged 23, has signed a two-year contract after a fee of around £40,000 was

agreed by the two clubs, Kebbie scored 16 tries in 13 games for Widnes earlier this season, before being transfer-listed after a dispute. He has not played for three months.

### FOOTBALL

Overseas football by Keith Blackmore

Real Madrid's dominance of the Spanish first division has diverted interest from the champ-ionship to lesser matters. Real, who have a lead of nine points with eight matches to play, seem certain to win their fifth successive championship, de-spite dropping a point on Saturday.

Less certain is whether they will break the scoring record for one scason, 96, which was set more than 30 years ago by Barcelona. They scored their

two weeks.

Marseilles loosened Bordeaux's grip on the leadership of the French first division, closing to within a point with a match in hand

nace, dropping a point at bome for the first time this season.

Bayera Munich won what is likely to prove a decisive match in the West German champ-ionship. A scrambled goal by Strunz gave them the points against their nearest rivals, Eintracht Frankfurt and opened a four-point lead at the top of

In the Netherlands, PSV Eindhoven needed a goal in injury time by the defender, Valekx, to salvage a point from the match against Twente En-

WEST GERMAN: Beyern Munch 1, Eintracht-Frankturt 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Hamburger SV 0: Sorussa Dortmund 2, Kartsruhe 0; PC Nuremberg 2, FC Homburg 0; Fortuna Dussackforf 0; Borussa Monchangladbach 1; Bayer Uerdangen 4, VTB Studigart 1; FC Katserstautern 2, VTL Bochum 1; Werder Bremen 4, FC Cologne 0; St Pauls 2, Waldhol Marritigen 1, Landing poetitors (after 25 matches); 1, Bayern Munich, 36 pts: 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 32; 3, Bayer 04 Lever-lusen, 32

YUGOSLAYUAN: Partizan Bekrade 0. Red Star Belgrade 2: Zeleznicar 2: Sichode 1; Borac 1. Red 0; Recinical 2. Ohmpus 1; Cellet 1. Spartak 0; Vardar 1; Vorpodina 2; Velez 0; Buducnost 0 (Buducnost won 5-4 on permit Higduk 2. Dinamo 3; Rijeka 1, Sarajevo 0. Lascing positions (after 24 meches) 1; Dinamo, 34pts: 2. Red Star Belgrade, 35; 3. Buducnost, 25.

### Seven permitty . SWISS: Lausanne 1, Son 1; Nouchetel Xemex 0, Young Boye Berne 0; St Getlen 0, Lugano 1; Grasshoppers Zurich 5, Lucerne 1, Leeding-positions: 1, Nouchatel Xenso, 20pts; 2, Grasshoppers Zurich, 17; 3, St Gallen, 16.

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sounded bearing

In the women's first division, In the women's first division, Brixton Knights are only one set away from their first league title after their 15-2, 15-8, 15-8 win over Sovereign Leasing Sale. They face Britannia, the reigning champions, this weekend.

In Scotland, Glasgow Banner-man qualified for their first Royal Bank Scottish women's cup final by beating Falkirk 15-11, 6-15, 15-9, 10-15, 15-11. They meet Adscreen Kyle, the holders, in the final on May 5

most successful coach.

The Carlsberg League title, which was secured during a hectic weekend on the road, has come to rest alongside the NatWest Trophy and the even more impressive WICB crown. The indications are that between them, Cadle and his players have put behind them all the agonies of past failures, when Kingston, with exasperating regularity, faded and died over the last third of the season, Whether they can keep going but title, when Kingston, with exasperating regularity, faded and died over the last third of the season, when Kingston with exasperating regularity faded and died over the last third of the season, whether they can keep going be kingston to victories over Manchester and Sunderland.

But, having led Kingston to victories over Manchester and courts over the weekend, Cadle feels confident that anything his squad "can do on the road," it can do equally well on the neutral territories of the London players have put behind them all the agonies of past failures, when Kingston, with exasperating regularity, faded and died over the last third of the season, whether they can keep going be we can get some more intensity back inm our game."

SNOW REPORTS

For a team who have dominated this time and sustain their the English game over the last effervescence and their fitness five years, Kingston have had over the next six weeks is

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packed: lower, no snow, access roads open; chairlits and tows closed. Glensheet: snow level, 2,600ft; no vertical. Runs: upper: broken, lower, no snow, access roads open; chairliffs and towa closed. Lecht: no vertical runs: no snow at any level; access roads open; chairliffs and tows, all closed.

Anounch Mor: snow level, 2,400ft; vertical runs; 1,600ft. Runs: upper, complete: lower, very limited; access roads open; gondola lat, chairliff; and tows closed. Resort closed due to high wands. Glencee: snow lavel, 2,200ft; vertical runs, 1,100ft; chairliff; and tows closed. Area stormbound.

Forecast: All areas will have a dry, bright start to the day, but will cloud over by late morrang, bringing rain showers, some heavy, to all areas during the afternoon and evening.

The freezing level will start below the summits at around 3,000h, but will rise to 5,000h by the atternoon. Westerly winds will be strong to gale force over all areas, increasing to severe gale force at times. Cloud bases will start at the summits, failing to 2,000h during showers.

**Kingston's overdue harvest** over the next six weeks is another matter.

for their remarkable consistency. Until this season, that is.

The knack of building on solid foundations has been discovered in time for Kingston has been to complete the most successful season of any English cluh and for Kevin Cadle to become the most successful coach.

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CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Derby Rams 69 (Lascelles 17, Scort 16), Leicester Riders 77 (Dabney 15); Manchester Glants 84 (Johnson 28, St Kitts 25), Kingston 85 (Byrd 19, Clark 17); Solent Stars 99 (Sewell 33, Spaid 22), Bracknell Tigers 103 (Scantlebury 23, Roberts 22); Bracknell Tigers 113 (Scantlebury 34, Roberts 20); Solent Stars 91 (Sewell 32, Spaid 20); Leicester Raders 78 (Harris 21, Dabney 20), Manchester Gents 89 (Johnson 25), Donaldson 24); Sunderland 97 (Saunders 30, Vaughan 24, Wilke 18), Kingston 101 (Byrd 23, Blunt 22, Clark 19, Scandebury 14, Griffiths 11; after overtime).

BADMINTON

### Goode is left out of squad

By Richard Eaton

Paul Whetnall, the England manager, has left out Andy Goode, the national men's champion, from the squad for the European championships in Moscow from April 8 to 14.

Goode is 30 and Whetnall prefers two younger men in the men's doubles. Nick Ponting aged 23, and Dave Wright, aged 24. Steve Baddeley may play mixed dnubles in the team event and in the individual events, Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers are being allowed to play with Danish partners in the hope that they may win a half share of

This is the second time re-cently Whemail has made a notable omission. For the Commonwealth Games he left out the other national men's doubles champion, Mike Brown, aged 32, and chose the controversial Miles Johnson in-stead. The selection was a success and Brown is omitted

again. Whetnall's team badly needs the fillip of reaching the Euro-pean team final, which it failed to do for the first time two years ago. This will probably mean having to overcome Sweden, who beat England last time. Even if this is achieved, it is hard to see England upsetting the holders, Denmark.

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ENGLANT TEAK: Individual eventur.

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Men's doubles: N Ponting, D Wright.

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Paulsen (Den), Gowers: M Gendrup (Den),

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Wright, Ponting, Clark, Gowers, Smith,

Troke.

### ICE HOCKEY

### **Devils** in record victory

By Norman de Mesquita

Cardiff Devils were presented with the Heineken League Tro-phy before Friday's televised game against Murrayfield Racers, then went on to register their fifteenth successive win, a premier division record.

The Racers contributed a

Where the English team will play has yet to be decided, but the likeliest venue would appear to be the London Arena. In an attempt to make the game more entertaining, the GHL intends to take out the centre red line, move the goals further from the back boards, and introduce

The Racers contributed a great deal to their own downfall, drawing 59 minutes in penalties and surrendering eight goals while they had players off the ice. If it was an attempt to establish some sort of physical nr psychological edge over the Devils before the play-offs, it certainly backfired.

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In contrast, on Saturday Nottingham Panthers and Solihull Barons played for most of the time as though avoiding injury was far more important than winning or losing. The Barons won by the odd goal in nine at Nottingham and also beat Whitley Warriors nn Sunday to clinch fourth place, their best premier division finish.

The only significant results in the first division saw Streatham Redskins edge out Humberside Seahawks by the odd goal in 19, ensuring that Lee Valley Lions, will finish bottom of the table.

RESULTS: Heinetten Leegue: Premier

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Plans were unveiled in
London yesterday for the first season of the Global Hockey
League (GHL), which will start on November I.
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So far, the league has definite So far, the league has definite commitments from nine teams, based in England, France, Germany and Czechoslovakia in Europe, Northern California, Providence, Rhode Island and Albany, New York, in the United States, as well as Saskatoon and Hamilton in Canada.

heavy sanctions to discourage fighting.

### Real set sights on goals record

85th on their way to a 1-1 draw with Athletic Bilbao in a match which was interrupted by Basque protestors.

Hugo Sánchez, the Mexican forward, scored Real's goal, his 31st of the season processing.

Marsalles lacened The

orward, scored Rean's goal, mis 31st of the season, preserving the faint possibility that he might surpass the individual scoring record of 54. But he is not even certain to finish as the hand.

Jean-Pierre Papin scored all three goals as the French champolster, scored twice as Seville beat Real Zaragoza 4-0, taking his own total to 27.

Juhn Aldridge, another forcign forward who has enjoyed a Bordeaux, who drew with Me-

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS



Jerta I, Nariana Carolina II. Oyrecto Drescha, 25; 15; C Barlin, 22.
FRENCH's Bordeaux O, Moneco O; Auserre 2, St Elemen 1; Lyon 4, Brest C, Nanise I, Lille O; Toulouse O, Sochaux O, Nice 2, Racing Paris C, Metz 1, Montpeller C, Paris Sarre-German S, Carnes 1; Multipuse C, Casin D; Marraelles 3, Toulon O, Leading positiose: 1, Bordeaux, played 29, 42 pts. 2, Marsaelles, 28, 41; 3, Moneco, 29, 35.
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LEAGUE OF BELAND: Cork, City C, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Derry City 3, University College Dublin C, Dandeis 6, Limenick City 1; Galvey Urnot 2, Briedmans 1, Straffbourne 1, Athlone Town 1, Landing positions: (aber 29 metches): 1, St Papind's Athletic, 46 pts. 2, Derry City, 44; 3, Dundek, 37.
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### POOLS FORECAST by Vince Wright VALIGUALL CONTENENCE 1 Darlington v Merthyr 1 Enfield v Northvich X Kettering v Barrow 1 Stationd v Kiddermin 1 Sutton v Altinicham 2 Tetlord v Barnet 1 Welling v Chettenham 1 Wycombe v Chorley 1 Yeavil v Boston

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X Sunderland v West Hat

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1 Exater v Rochdele
2 Galingham v Grinsby
2 Halifax v Chesterfield
1 Hartispool v Torquay
1 Petarbono v Burnley
X Scarborough v Herstord
1 Sounthorps v Cartisle
1 Wrexham v Colchester

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Luton, Port Vale, Sunderland, Fulham, Notts County, Wigan, Scartorough, Kettering, Ayr. Meadowbank, Morton, East File, BEST DRAWS: Luton, Port Vale, Sunder-land, Notis County, Wigan, AWAYS: Tranmera, York, Chesterfield, Cettic, St Johnstone.

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SCIVIET: Spartak Moscow 5, CSKA 4; Dyresno Minsk 2, Drepr Drepropetrovsk 0. SPANISH: Mitting 0, Real Vallacolid 1; Athetic Bitheo 1, Real Medrid 1; Cetta Vigo 0; Rayo Vallecans 0; Logorous 1, Barcatione 2; Asistico Medrid 2, Mellorce 0; Sporting Glipor 0, Casalido 1; Vallancia 3, Oviedo 0; Caddo 0. Cosasuna 0; Sevilla 4, Zaragoza 0; Tranerila 2,

**VOLLEYBALL** London club win third cup and league double

By Roddy Mackenzie

Team Mizmo Malory secured their third successive English men's league and cup double at the weekend when they defeated Star Aquila in five sets to add the league title to the Royal Bank English Cup they had won the previous week.

The London club needed just one set from their final match

on Saturday but put the title out of second-placed Speedwell Rucanor's reach by winning 14-16, 15-9, 15-12, 12-15, 15-12. The final league Saturday of the season ended in controversy when the fixture between Bristol Polytechnic, already relegated, and Speedwell Rucanor was not

played, apparently because of

some animosity over player transfers. An official of the English Volleyball Association (EVA) stated yesterday: "No one told us anything officially and we only heard about the fixture not being played through the grape-

vinc. We will be looking at the matter closely." The EVA has also awarded 3-

The EVA has also awarded 3-0 victories to Reebok Liverpool City and Staffordshire Meor-lands for their respective league matches against Time Out Spark which were not played earlier in the season as Spark had difficulty raising a team, although Spark are arresaling although Spark are appealing against the decision.

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Camaraderie and

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WEEK

IN REVIEW

man of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and of Thames

Television, with a personal appraisal of the week's tele-

they handle the Grand National in three weeks' time -

but the more run-of-the-mill

meetings are relegated to snip-pets in its Saturday afternoon

Grandstand programme. No doubt the producers reckon

that the uncommitted will

racing on the way back to their favoured athletics or motor

Commercial television, on the other hand, has main-

From the big sporting occa-sions last week, two moments glimpsed on television: at Cheltenham, the beaten jock-cys in the Gold Cup pressing

forward to congratulate Gra-ham McCourt on his 100-1

winner, at Murrayfield, a concerned Scottish captain lean-

ing over the prostrate form of an injured English forward.

Jump racing and rugby are hard physical occupations and breed a special camaraderic.

The cameras caught the generosity behind the fierce

Television is most effective

at close quarters. At Murrayfield we saw clearly all

the grappling around the scrum, the heaving shoulders,

the scraping boots. On one occasion we knew before the

referee why the touch judge was attracting his attention. When the ball breaks free,

the viewer sometimes loses the positioning of the two sets

of backs, but on Saturday the experienced commentary of Bill McLaren complemented

the picture and, for moments of high drama, there were always replays from different

angles. (But perhaps McLaren

could spare non-Scottish

viewers too many folksy ref-crences to "the big lad" from

Auchty wherever). Rugby is a gift for tele-vision: 80 minutes of continu-

ons action punctuated by one

brief interval. Viewers who

know little about the finer

points, or even the basic rules, are quickly caught up in the bruising cut and thrust.

action, separated by up to half

an hour of post-mortem on

access, and covers them with

skilful camera work and well-

Wilson has the good anchor-man's gift of being able to

same time - talking to camera, listening through his ear-piece to his producer and thinking what to ask the

nervous interviewee waiting out of sight. At Cheltenham he

was supported by a quartet of

articulate former jockeys and,

once the race was on, there was the inimitable com-

mentary of Peter O'Sullivan.

Superlatives have been ex-

hausted over Peter's skill. In

his own specialised milieu, I

rate him the equal of the

greatest outside broadcast commentator of them all,

competition.

## English chances for Italy dismissed

ad have been dismissed as catial champions of the world by glio Vicini. When the manager taly was asked here yesterday to the nations which might be Dable of winning the World Cup July, he was gracious and plomatic enough to mention the

imes of no fewer than nine.

England, held to a goalless draw
Wembley by Italy five months

o, were not among them. The
ghest they rank, in Vicini's opinin, is to be included anonymously the 15 or 16 countries who a hope because the tourment promises to be so open".

the believes that the principal threats to his own side will be the blockers of three main titles. As well Brazil, the champions of South America, and the Netherlands, the champions of Europe, he surpris-ingly includes Argentina, who won the World Cup in 1986 but have recently shrunk in stature.

Conveniently, Vicini has been able to gauge the trio's present form. Italy's only defeat since the European championship was inflicted by Brazil, with a lone goal in October, and both Argentina, in a wretchedly by and ill-disciplined affair in Sardinia, and the Netherlands, held his side to goalless draws last

The Soviet Union, Spain and Uruguay were all bracketed among the dangers lurking beneath the favourites. Czechoslovakia was chosen as the most obvious example of a dark horse and West Germany, as usual, cannot be discounted. The rest of the field were oot worthy of genuine

Scotland and the Republic of

By Chris Moore and Dennis Signy

Graham Taylor, the Aston

Villa manager, appeared to be at odds with his chairman,

Doug Ellis, last night over the

decision to put oext month's first divisioo match with

Highbury on Wednesday, and Villa.



Spelling it out: Vicini, the manager of Italy, instructs the group of players, who will he believes, provide "the stars of the tournames

**TENNIS** 

provide

60 indoor

centres

By David Powell

A scheme which should help eliminate what was described yesterday as "the Wimbledon effect", and one which may help

Britain regain its international respect, is about to move past

the knock-up phase, Centre Court Tennis (CCT) is

a commercial management plan to "revolutionize indoor tennis

facilities in Britain", com-plementing the Indoor Tennis Initiative (ITI) programme funded by the Lawn Tennis Association, Sports Council and

The aim is to provide up to 60

eight-court centres. Its operators are ready to intensify canvassing

local authorities who, they say,

can have a year-round tennis facility for £1 20,000 — a quarter of the cost — without commit-

Stephen Proctor, a sports marketing researcher, referred

to "the Wimbledon effect", whereby people are attracted to play after the championships

ITI has II centres and is aiming at 50 over five years.

on a pay-as-you-play basis and provision would be made for

"A small capital investment

and a two-acre size is all we

require from the local authorities," Holmes said.

**ATHLETICS** 

ment to running expenses.

but are then lost.

coaching.

All England Club.

Ireland were excluded from his expansive list as well. "The British style is appreciated throughout the world," Vicini said. "It is energetic, athletic and physical but fair." By implication, the domestic representatives promise to play insignifi-cant, albeit "interesting", parts in the overall play. Although he confessed that his

knowledge of Colombia was limited

FOOTBALL

Taylor is unhappy

at Aston Villa's

live commitments

First division leaders

Taylor was not in favour of

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to watching them on television against England, he is coovinced that the South American contingent will otherwise feel at home. many of them are the stars in the Italian League that they will be well supported here."

The countries from the Third World, too, are in his view no longer merely making up the numbers. The Africans, in the shape of Egypt and

Ellis who evidently regards the

£46,000 fee Villa will receive

as sufficient financial in-

Villa's championship

aspirations will be put to the

test at Loftus Road tonight

against resurgent Queen's Park Rangers, who have lost

only three matches out of 21

sioce Don Howe took over

from Trevor Francis and Ray

Wilkins arrived from Rangers.

33, who gained 84 caps for

England until his last game

three years ago, for a return to

the toternational arena in

World Cup year are being trumpeted. They can be fur-

ther assessed against Villa,

who have their own influential

midfield inspiration in Gor-

don Cowans, aged 31, who gained the last of his six

international caps in 1986 and

has recently been mentioned

by Bobby Robsoo, the Eng-

land manager, as a possible

late contender for a World

Francis scored the three

goals when Rangers decisively

won 3-1 al Villa Park oo September 23. Thai defeat left

Villa four places from the bottom of the table. Now they

are two points clear of

Rangers are oine points

clear of the relegation places,

with games in hand, but Howe

insisted that the side had not

been influenced by their pos-ition in the lower half of the

"I've always been realistic

and been aware of where we

were but it had never been

mentioned and you don't let it stop you trying to play the football you want to play."

Liverpool at the top.

Cup place.

table\_

The claims of Wilkins, now

especially Cameroon, who are to open the tournament against Argen-tina oo June 8, could be "ready to

enter the World Cup spotlight". In deflecting the criticism aimed at his own side, which has scored only one goal in the last five games, Vicini claimed: "We will have a good team." Moreover, he pre-dicted that three or four of his individuals will be "the stars of the

tournament". For safety's sake, perhaps, he preferred not to name

Vicini cannot be accused of failing in his preparatory duties. Yesterday he flew on a spying mission to Budapest to check on the qualities of the United States, the weakest of the World Cup finalists, who are to play Hungary. That is how he will spend his 57th birthday.

CRICKET

### Scheme to Argentina made to toil for the draw

drew to a close yesterday at the end of the two-day unofficial "test" match at Belgrano, Three wickets to Simon Dennis in the first over of Argentina's second innings ended any fleeting hope the home side had of overhauling a target of 188. Indeed they

fought very well to earn an honourable draw.

The MCC bowlers, in particular Dennis and the leg spinner, Boccock, threstened annihilation, but they were thwarted by doged resistance from the opposition captain, Chris Nino, and the more flamboyant Mike Morris. The latter had played well earlier in the day to save Argentina from following on.

MCC First innings 222 for 8 dec. Second innings Briance c Nino b Alonso ...

Harace - After 10 blissful days Atherton (groin). Pringle (back) and Igglesden (ankle) all have minor injuries. This game is the final opportunity for several Zimbabweaus to earn places to their 16-strong party to visit England to May and go onto The Netherlands in June for the ICC Trophy.

It will be important for England to show a more positive approach in their batting in both remaining fixtures if their impression on this country is to be

BASKETBALL

#### things past, and analysis of what is to come. All fascinating to racing people, but not to the uncommitted viewer. The broadcasters meet the problem in different ways. The BBC concentrates on the

The MCC tour to Argentina K Crossley and C Ferrell did not bet.

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Total (for 8 dec) ... M Componin did not but. BOWLING: Dennis 22-2-36-2; Farmil 14 7-21-2; Briance 3-1-4-0; Crossley 10-1-26 0; Boccock 18-6-34-3; Reuves 2-1-1-0.

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BOWLENC: Dennis 13-4-44-5; Farme 5-1-13-1; Crossiey 4-1-8-1; Boccock 11-5-24-0; Reeves 5-0-20-0; Brisnice 6-0-17-1.

isles indoor singles final at Margate yesterday (Gordon Al-lan writes). England won the triples and fours and Scotland the pairs.
The singles was close until

ton scored a full house of four to go ahead 14-11. Johnston had an easy win over Ann Sutherland in the semi-finals, but Smith had to fight back from the edge of defeat to beat Liz Wren, the

### Barnwell dismissed by Walsall after lean run John Barnwell was dismissed as walsell manager yesterday after a run of 13 League games without a win. The club are their season extended beyond

Arsenal back four days so that April 11 was granted after

it can be televised live from approval from both Arsenal

It means the championship the switch. "I cannot do

leaders will go 10 days without anything about it, but then I

a match after April 2 and will am only the manager," he said

then play three matches in sarcastically. "From a per-

seven days over the Easter sonal point of view I would

period. Under the terms of the have preferred the game to

contract between the Football have stayed where it was. I

League and ITV, the tele- cannot say I am really totally

visioo company can alter the happy with it being moved

date of only three matches, because there is a difference to

which they have already done. playing on a Saturday after-

that their request to the with the TV and everything

League for a fourth switch on else involved."

But it transpired yesterday noon and under floodlights

seven points adrift at the bottom of the third division.

Barnwell, who still had two years of his contract to run, took over just over a year ago, but his failure to improve results led to him becoming the 26th manager to part company with a Football

starting with tonight's home game against Mansfield. Allan Clarke, who began his career at Fellows Park, was the first candidate to be linked with the vacancy.

• Malcoim Allen, the Welsh

international forward, signed for Millwall from Norwich City

the official close on May 5 because they also face a backlog of league fixtures.

Danis Salman, the Millwall

unlity defender, has joined Plymouth Argyle for £50,000 to become the fifth signing in a week for the club's new man-League club this season.

Paul Taylor, the club coach,
will act as caretaker manager,
starting with tonight's home

ager, David Kemp.

Oxford United have paid
£150,000 for the Doacaster
Rovers' defender. Les Robinson. The Wigan Athletic winger, Bryan Griffiths, will be fined by the cluh for his gesture towards Bolton Wanderers' supporters

on Friday after scoring to Wigan's 2-0 win.

FA TROPHY DRAW: Soul-finels: Statford Rengers v Leek Town; Kingstonien or Barrow v Kidderminster Hamers or Colne Dynamoes. Two-leg ties on April 7 and April 14.

#### Positive game needed Whitaker as Nicholas is resting

in more rural Bulawayo, the England A team returned to Harare yesterday for the final two matches of their tour (Richard Streeton writes). They start a three-day game today with Zim-babwe B and the third and final five-day international begins next Saturday.

· As part of his preparations for this year's Wimbledon, Ivan Lendl, the world No. I, has entered the Direct Line In-surance Manchester Open at a favourable one.
England will be led by Didsbury from June 18 to 23. Commence of the commence of th

June for the ICC Trophy.

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ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NS.): New York Island-ers 2, Pittsburph Penguins 2 (OT): Sulfato Sabres 4, Warnjag (18t 3 (OT): Montreal Cardelers 3, Quebec Nordigues 3; Philadel-phia Flyers 7, Los Angeles Kings 4, New York, Rangers 5, Vancouver Carudos 2; Herbord Whilers 3, Edmontor Ollers 1; Vestington Capitals 4, Minoscota North Stars 3.

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KARATE SURDERIANC: Shotekun world champles-ships: Teste ovenit: Wesser's Kule (Exist); 1, Japan, 42-Date; 2, Brisis, 4-Jr. S. Spain, 417-S. Ireland, Sh.S. Blant's Kule (forms); 1, Japan, 42-9; 2, Belgium, 42-2; S. Setgin, 41-8; 3, Ireland, Sh.A. Hen's Kuralis (lighting); 1, Britan; 2, Japan; 3, Denmark.

MOTOR RALLYING BRITISH LEAGUE: Women: Websield Metro 21, Halewood Town 12 (Wakefield SCOTPHONE STAGES RALLY: 1, J Girven and C Roy, 53win 12we; 2, M Grieven and R Anderson, 53:57; 5, O Milne and R Wilson, 54:03; 4, P Walker and O Willord, 56:19. **RACKETS** HANG GLIDING

CURENTS CLUB: British Open champion-ables First result: M Deep bl M Crosby, 15-4, 15-11, 15-19; O Johnson let K Cook, 15-1, 15-3, 15-12; R Grouby v/o C Hae Williams, etc.; H Swingletone bi D Sternett, 2-18, 15-2, 15-6, 15-7; J Press bi S Kwendel, 15-0, 15-3, 15-0; S riscoll or P Titchener, 15-8, 15-4, 15-2, 5-6, 15-4; N Cropp be T Cockston, 15-7, 17-19, 15-9, 15-4; N Cropp be T Cockston, 15-8, 7-15, 15-17, 17-16; M Hue Willems by R Tochert, 15-2, 15-4, 15-1; W Boone be II Makey, 15-6, 15-0, 15-4.

RUGBY FIVES **RUGBY UNION** 

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Flank Redworth 3, Kanaday II (at Coventry RFC). WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Cup Reneaby U (at Covenity ISC).
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SQUASH RACKETS

ind) by A Higgins (N Ire), 7-1 (at SOUTHURSPION: Grand Prix meetin Women; 400 metros throughte: 1 C Hors Biomich; 4,17,29; 2, Z Herrison (Mcraic 4,22,36; 3, R Sharey (Houselow) 4,28,05; 1 A.2.36. 3, R. Sharay (Househor) 426.05. 50 memore beokerole: 1, S. Pape (Magar) 23.85 (British reacted); 3, S. Davies (Gracina); 30.14. 5, E. Tettam (Brackensil) 30.15. 160 metres besterler; 1, Davies, 1,02.18; 2, C. Foot (Milled) 1,02.27; 3, A. Betar (Horsetch) 1,22.9; 200 metres besterler; 1,2.96; 200 metres besterler; 1, Brackensil, 2.96; 2, S. Sheppard (Millegue), 2.854; 3, Foot, 28.51; Betar 409; metres besterler; 2, S. Foot, 28.51; Betar 409; metres besterler; 2, S. Foot, 28.51; Betar 409; metres besterler; 2, S. Foot, 28.51; Betar 409; metres besterler; 2, J. Karr (Marracher) 4, 24.06; 2, J. Karr ( (Portmouth) 4.24.08; 2, J Kerr (Warrender) 4.32.24; 3, 5 Kelfday (Continentual) 4.32.24; 2, 5 Kelfday (Continentual) 4.32.24; 288 states heredecise: 1, N Politophorus (Kelly College) 2.17.26; 2, N Hudghton (Darrice) 2.18.37; 3, 1 Molfonzie (Bratimes) 2.20.35; 50 sentre beckstruke: 1, N Hurris (Burne) 28.94; 2, Robhes, 27.21; 3, R Omend (Sarling) 28.19; 200 sentre betterfly: 1, R Omend (Sarling) 28.19; 200 sentre betterfly: 1, R Omend (Sarling) 2.02.57; 3, P Henry (Palsey) (Sundertend) 2.02.79; 3, P Henry (Palsey) 51.56; 3, M Foster (Barnel) 57,71.

FOOTBALL

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#### Five holes in one

A tiny Welsh golf club could claim a place in the record books after five holes in one by their members in eight days.

The feats were accomplished

on the nine-hole Hawarden course in Clwyd where Lynden Hinks-Edward, the son, aged 14, of the Flintshire County captain, is believed to be the place of the county captain. youngest player ever to hole in

Crewman mugged Edwin Clark, Cambridge's fore-man for the Boat Race, was still recovering at home yesterday after being mugged last Friday. Clark was set upon by seven or eight attackers and suffered a broken nose, a torn ear, and a wrenched shoulder. Outing times today: Oxford 10am and alignm issecond outing with Hampson School: Cambridge 10am and 3.30pm.

Xinhua ineligible Chen Xinhua, who looks likely win next month's vote to be to win next month's vote to be considered for England when he comes eligible on May 15. has had his entry for the English national table tennis champion-ships in Oldham refused the lournament takes because the lournament takes

place on May 6 and 7. Blow for Kent The South African allrounder Roy Pienaar will not be returnnot to Kent this summer because of knee trouble.

### , SPORT IN BRIEF、でん。古学。 Standing down

Toulouse (AFP) — Albert Ferrasse, aged 72, who has virtually run French rugby sin-gle-handed for the past 22 years, gle-handed for the past 22 years, will not seek re-election as president of the country's federation when his present term expires in 1992.

Mason coming on Gary Mason, the unbeaten British heavyweight champion who underwent a retina operation oo Friday, is "progressing satisfac-torily" and should leave Manchester Eye Hospital soon. Race cancelled

The British Long Distance Swimming Association has cancelled the annual race from Wiggenhall St Germans to King's Lynn because pollution levels are 14 times higher than the EC maximum in the Piver the EC maximum in the River

Changing faces

The changing generations of English squash are reflected in the new national ranking lists which place Philip Kenyon outside the top ten and two rising teenagers. Peter Marshall of Leicestershire and Simon Parke of Yorkshire, among the elite. Still champion Atlantic City (Reuter) - Jeff

Harding of Australia, knocked oul Nestor Giovannini, of

Argentina, in the eleventh round to retain his World

weight title on Sunday.

#### **YACHTING** Familiar sight as Steinlager leads the fleet

As 30-knot southerly winds brought a welcome end to the frustrating calms that have beset the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet since the start of the fifth leg from Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale, Peter Blake's New Zealand ketch, Steinlager

At noon yesterday, the 84ft maxi, which holds a 28-hour lead in the overall standings, had pulled out a four-mile lead had pulled out a four-mile lead over Roger Nilson's Swedish entry, The Card, which in turn was followed by Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel.

They were followed by Pierre Fehlmann's stoop, Meril, from Switzerland, and the French entry, Charles Jourdan, skip-pered by Alain Gabbay.

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ATHLETICS

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LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES SHELD: Third round: Arus 172, Wording 9th Dartford Store Lodge, 74 Angel Transleige 64; Crystal Paleos 64, Old Couledon 62-Desborough 75, Whitelengths 85; Cerbridge Chesterion, 95 Becklored Borough 75; Harts 75, Bletchiery 75; Picketts Lock 70, Castbridge Park 90; Essax County 65, Felcon 73. SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated) 1. G Norman (Aus), 18 23pts args; 2. N Fado (GB), 16 63; 3. S Ballesteros (Sol. 15.8); 4. C Strateg. 13.9.4. S. M Calchecotts, 12.79. 6. I Woodnam (GB), 12.34, 7. F Acrept, 12.17. 8. P Stement, 12.00; 9. T Act, 11.20; 10. J Okazabal (Sol. 11.88. British placeting; 15. A Lyte, 5 GS; 18. R Ratherty, 7.32. BOXING

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FENCING

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: WBC light-harryweight classificashier Jeff Herding (Aus. hoder) bt Nester Glovenniei (Arg), net 110 md. JAKARTA: Heavyweight: Tim Witnerspotes (US) to Greg Gunnel (US) 3nd md. CANOEING NOTTINGHAM: Statem K1 mare: 1, S Pearce IN-excury, 1,51,6: 2, A Raspin (Trees), 1,51,7: 3, L Shadeleston (Laesgale, 1,538 K1 excesses: 1, L Sergeon (Hull), 174,4: 2, K Davies (Glos), 186 S. 3, J. Joyed (Langeles), 195,7: CT. 1, G Marmod (Nottembers), 1,51,1: 2, R Lorser (Window), 1,68 S.; 3, M Hadges (Michar), 171,5, C2: 1, R Ostome and P Shreeve (Marsfield), 1993; 2, C Richardson and C Thompson (Shaplershi, 1,68,4: 3, A Seith and A Brown (Stafford), 210,1. CRICKET DMAKA: Erstand Cup: India's 174 kt7.5 overs) (S V Meny eter 51: Zelor Khen 4-31; Palestain 177-3 (26:1 overs). Palestain won by 7 wickets. NATIONAL PROOF LEAGUE: Final for Leeds: Rochosle 90, Derdond 91, Women's Rock Rochosle 90, Derdond 91, Women's Rock Rochosle 194. Women's Preparatory School (Croydon) 128-6 (36 overs) (P MoDornel 78: The King's School, Parametre (Swiney) 55-4 (21 overs). Cumnor House won on lesser seconds-mise.

MOTORCYCLING

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card: the hairy, loud-voiced, bizarrely-dressed John McCririck. Some racing regu-lars may find him irritating. but viewers in general like big events to which it has him, particularly - and importantly for the ratings those not necessarily hooked informed commentary. Julian on racing. There is, in fact, a third televised racing service availoperate on three levels at the able - SIS, the betting-oriented satellite channel covering at least two

horseracing meetings a day (and also dog racing) six days a week. At the moment, it is available only to betting shops and a few racing profes In a few years, it might become accessible to the individual panter in his home, but it would have to be a subscription service and it is anyone's guess how many punters would be willing to pay, and how much.

The future of racing coverage is one more to add to the list of imponderables about The BBC does its big racing television in the 1990s.

#### BOWLS

### Johnston triumphant

Margaret Johnston, of Bally-money, best Gill Smith, of Bentham, 21-12 in the British

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### Call for greater isolation for **England** in Cup

England's isolation in the World Cup finals could be for the Irish, for their players even more complete than and for their supporters," he anyone had imagined, said here yesterday. "They did According to a member of FIFA's security committee, during the finals of the Eurotheir three opponents in the first round should be ordered to fly in and out of Sardinia on the day of their respective

The extraordinary proposal is to be put before FIFA in Zurich on Friday by Paolo Casarin. Implicit within his case is the belief that only if the England camp outside Cagliari is isolated is civil order likely to be maintained on the island.

He will argue that the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands and Egypt should all be confined throughout the initial stages of the tournament to Sicily, where the other ties in Group F are to be played. They will not apparently even be granted a day in which to prepare for their games in the Sant Elia Stadium.

Nor will they be allowed to set up a temporary base in Sardinia. Although the Irish their Italian counterparts and received official permission to to the European commission. stay in the Is Molas Hotel. Justifiably, they believe that where England will rest at the players need not be so end of May before going to severely inconvenienced by their training camp nearby, the threat of English hooligan-casarin now opposes the plan.

## appointed

The Football Association took a step forward yesterday io their attempt to capitalize on the marketing potential of the

Ball writes). Telemundi, who already Hampden Park on March 28 work for Wembley stadium, and the B international with are internationally known in Sports marketing, holding the rights for the World Cup, from Although Andy Roxburgh, rights for the World Cup, from which they expect to gross around \$50 million, and the there was no question of rugby union World Cun.

with the FA Cup, which we Italy, he was succinct when believe is after all one of the asked about their absence prestige finals in world foot- from his selection. Stuart Walker, Telemundi's manging director us on our last get-together, so said last night. "We have been we are unavailable to them appointed to handle that and this time. I haven't spoken to we have any ideas based on Liverpool about their premium promotions.

want to merchandize material communicated with me to tell over a nine-month period me why they didn't go to could use the FA Cup and I Genoa, which would have believe that if we get our been simple courtesy."

packages together right, the revenues could he that he had not been aware of substantial." any such difficulties over the

"I have the deepest respect well, both on and off the pitch, pean championship in West Germany, But there are major problems with security in

"It would be to everyone's advantage if the Irish, the Dutch and the Egyptians stayed in Palermo and flew in for their games. For security reasons, it is not possible for the Irish to stay in a hotel three kilometres from England's residence and all of the other hotels are unsuitable."

Casarin, a former World Cup referee who will be in charge of the match officials in Italy this summer, added that "the matter must be sorted out this week in Switzerland." The Irish, incensed by the proposal, are to be represented at the meeting by half a dozen officials.

They intend, if necessary, to raise the matter at the highest level and ask members of the Irish government to appeal to

### Agents for Sanctions against FA Cup **Anfield Scots**

FA Cup with the appointment trip to Italy last month, were of Telemundi UK as world omitted from the Scottish wide licensing agents (Peter pool announced yesterday for the visit of Argentina to

ruling the Anfield players out Nobody has done anything of his huild-up to the finals in

"They were unavailable to availability for this match, "A lot of companies who and the players have never

Precautions will supposedly be taken to control supporters, whose method of transport is restricted to either boat or aeroplane, as they arrive in

David Barber, an FA

spokesman said: "In a sense

this is not really our problem.

It is debatable whether it will

have any impact on results.

but I can understand the

teams who are to be flown in

not being very happy about the situation.

to be flown in and out, we

might take a different view of

things, but as it is it does not

Dr Tony O'Neill, the gen-eral secretary of the Irish Football Association, said yes-

terday: "Under no circum-stances would the Republic of Ireland tolerate such a situa-

tion. I'm sure that the higher

echelons in FIFA, after hear-

ing what our delegation has to say on Friday, will ensure that fair play and justice will prevail."

really concern us."

"If it was us who were going

Sardinia. It seems significant, nevertheless, that Casarin is believed to have been influenced by the views of the police in Cagliari who fear they may be outbreaks of vio-lence.

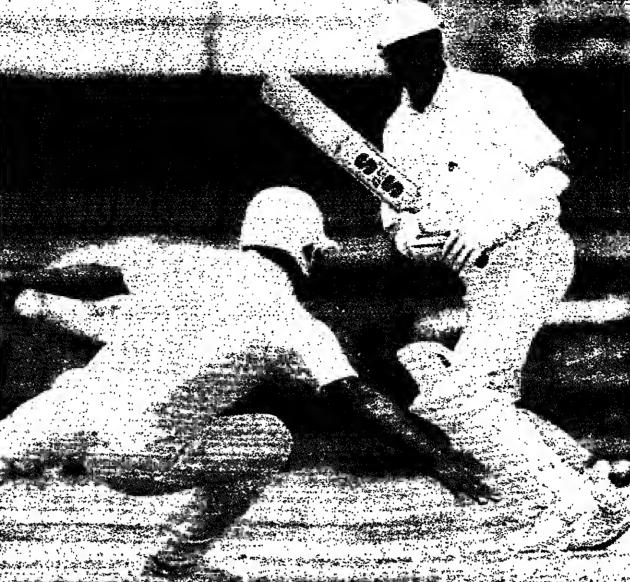
By Roddy Forsyth

"The biggest problem for Scotland has been the constant disruptioo we always face," he said, "You can put up with it when players can't help being withdrawn through injury. I think it is far more important that we have some SORT OF recognizable format."
SCOTLAND: R Attion (Neucaste United)
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Flock (Norwich City), A Gorant (Hiber han), R Google (Rungers), M Johnston (Rangers), L Leighton (Marcheste United), C Lewein (Heart of Micholhian), S McCall (Everton), A McCals (Rangers), A McCall (Everton), A McCals (Rangers), A

(Aberdeen), M. Mel.and (Soruseia Dort-nund), P. MicStry (Catic), M. Melpas (Dundes United). SCOTLAND B: T. Boyd (Motherwell), S. Clarise (Chelsea), R. Connor (Aberdeen), G. Durie (Chelsea), I. Ferguson (Rengers), K. Gallacher (Coventry City), P. Grant (Cettic), B. Garna (Norwich City), G. McAllisster (Leicaster City), C. NicClair (Manchester United), S. McKlankel (Aberdeen), G. Morey (St. Marren), S. Nicuro (Rangers), F. Money (St. Marren), S. Nicuro (Rangers), P. Nevin (Everton), J. Robertson (Heart of McCettic).

● Ian Rush, the Liverpool forward, is back in the Welsh squad for the match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on March 28.

### Chancellor Gooch does his good turn



### Defeat not in his budget

From Alan Lee

Cricket Correspondent Port of Spain, Trinidad The longer this tour goes on,

the more England have come to rely upon Graham Gooch. His captaincy commands devotion but his batting is simply indispensable to the remote and improbable missioo being pursued by his

Yesterday was a case in point. The pitch was far from trustworthy, the opposition far from negligible. England, trailing by 42 on first innings, possibly faced a demoralizing defeat, immediately before the third Test. Gooch responded in that

way of his which, it sometimes seems, hurts him as much as it hurts the opposition. Scorning the risks which were once the exercised the sort of selfcontrol which might appeal to a chancellor in Budget week. He batted 162 minutes for 61, his second half-century of the match, and appeared to be

steering England into calm waters when he was out at the moment the promised rain began pouring from a livid

Even if Gooch had not done enough to avert the risk of defeat in this curious oilfield although the bounce was cru- which pitched just short and three-week tour.

ground, he had given heartening reassurances. He went into the first Test on the back of a double-century against Ja-maica, and he will go into the third looking, if anything, still

more convincing.

Since making a memorable century against them, in the Lord's Test of 1980, Gooch has been held in higher regard by West Indian players than almost any batsman in the world. Border, for Australia, India's Vengsarkar and En-gland's Lamb have all had their triumphs against the world champions, but Gooch has made runs with a consistency which has lost nothing

for being increasingly sub-Yesterday he passed 500 first-class runs for this tour, in only his ninth innings and, the survival of his team's slender advantage in the series depends, more than anything, on his ability to translate this impressive form into substan-

tial Test match scores. There have been times falling too far across his stumps. In this innings he remained perfectly balanced.

of a crumbling pitch, little disturbed him until he misjudged an off drive against the accurate leg spin of Robert

The President's XI, having lost their remaining three wickets for eight runs against the new ball at the start of the day, wasted no time in hurrying Haynes into the attack. Logie had him bowling the eleventh over, by which time Gooch and Larkins had almost seen off the arrears.

Larkins had suffered only one moment of alarm when a fierce bouncer from Patterson jerked off his helmet. It fell safely enough but this was the second time in recent games that Larkins might have been dismissed this way and it is surely time he employed the

He was oot so fortunate 42-1: Hermings 18-5-48-1. against Haynes. The third ball • Yorkshire are expected to He was oot so fortunate 42-1: Hom of his first over was a googly. ask Geoffrey Boycott, the Larkins misread it, shouldered former England opener, who arms and was leg-before. Enter Alec Stewart, still a

when he has got out to that old, self-confessed failing of replace lost confidence. He loitered with intent for 103 minutes and might still be there now but for a wicked

elly uneven from certain areas hardly left the ground. Cricketers will tell you that this sort of thing only happens when your luck is out. ENGLAND XI: First Imings 252 (G A Gooth 66, R J Belley 52; E A E Beptiste 4

> Larkins flow b Haynes
> J Stewart b Benjamin
> A Smith not out FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-98, 3-104.
> PRIESIDENT'S XI: First limings
> C 8 Lambert b Malcolm

is commentating on the England tour of the Caribbean, to near certainty to play in undertake individual coaching sessions with the club's batsmen during a pre-season tour of Barbados starting this week (Martin Searby writes). Yorkshire will play 10 limited-His timing benefited and, delivery from Beojamin overs matches during the

### Wright's stuff is the key to **Test win**

From Qamar Ahmed, Wellington, New Zealand

New Zealand achieved a comfortable oine-wicket Test match victory against Austra-lia at the Basio Reserve yesterday to regain the Trans-Tasman Trophy, which they lost in Australia in 1987-88.

Their sixth win against Australia in 26 Tests, and their first since 1985-86, was well deserved and meticulously achieved.

The margin of victory, and the ease with which New Zealand raced to the target, owed much to the magnificence of their captain, John Wright, and his superb unbeaten 117, which oot only enabled him to build a 128run unhroken partnership with Andrew Jones, who made 33, but also helped New Zealand to wrap up the game in the second session of the final day.

His tenth Test century, and the third of the Antipodean summer - he scored two against India — not only won him the man-of-the-match award, but also enabled him to pass 1,000 runs in Tests gainst Australia.

By lunch, New Zealand were settled at 70 for one, having added 66 runs to their overnight score. Wright, quiet and disciplined in the first session, then suddenly blossomed and played his shots, reaching his 50 with a scorching drive off the spinner, Peter Taylor.

Taylor, who had been expected to rout New Zealand, made little impression as Wright began his assault ou the hapless Australiao bowlers. Twice he hit Taylor to the ropes with hlistering

From 85. Wright entered the 90s taking 14 runs off Border, hitting him for two fours and a six at long-off. Another well-timed stroke in Rooder's part over extract Border's next over earned Wright his century, collected in 240 minutes io which he hit 14 fours and a six off 185 balls. Jones, his partner, remained a silent spectator throughout, watching his captain go for the

Wright and Richard Hadlee disclosed after the match that. they have still not made up their miods about whether to tour England.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 110 (R.) Hadee 5 for 391 Second Impings 269 (P L Taylor 87, A R Border 78 not out; J G Bracewell 6 for 85).

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FALL OF WICKET: 1-53. NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 202 (T M

FALL OF WICKET: 1-63.

8.0WLING: Alderman 14-8-27-0; Ractemann 15-4-39-0 (nb1); P L Taylor 11-3-39-0; Campbell 7-2-23-1; Jones 6-3-14-0; Border 10.4-5-27-0.

### IF YOU WANT TO IN SPACE, TRY JAL'S NEW

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#### A touch of perspective for Capriati when life seems a little more has burst and, though a poten- and then holding her own

From Andrew Longmore Tennis Correspondent Key Biscayne, Florida

A healthy dose of perspective was administered to the brief career of Jennifer Capriati in the fourth round of the Lipton Internationals yesterday. After beating everyone in her path apart from Gabriela Sabatini, the world No. 3, in her first two weeks as a professional, Capriati was brought tumbling down the mountain by Nathalie Herreman, a beefy French qualifier, whose main claim to fame is that, at nearly 24, she is exactly 10 years and one day older than Capriati.

Playing her tenth match in 14 days, Capriati looked slugsish, weighed down by a combination of fatigue and national expectation. The legs would not move quite as fast, the two-handed backhand kept missing the lines, the service stuttered. It was just one of those humdrum days

difficult than usual, even for a tially delightful quarter-final schoolgirl millionairess. But the main question hang-

2, 6-4 defeat was: does this qualify as an upset? Capriati thought not. "It's only my second tournament. I was just trying my best and I lost", she said, the smile as broad in defeat as it had been in victory for much of the last I4 days. Herreman disagreed. "Yes, this is an upset because everyone was expecting her to win. There was a lot more pressure on her than on me, but people must remember she is only I4", she said.

Wise words indeed. Expectations were starting to outpace reason and touch fantasy. Even Capriati was beginning to believe. "After I reached the final in Boca, I thought I had a chance to win here", she said. Defeat by the No. 113 in the world could be

ing in the air after Capriati's 6-

Florida. In qualifying and reaching the fifth round, she has lost one set in seven

just the break she needs. Even breaking the left-handed if only temporarily, the bubble Herreman in the sixth game

serve before losing the set after meeting with Monica Seles half an hour. The wobble over, we waited for order to return. It never did. Capriati lost her opening service game in the second set and, despite having three break points to take a 3-1 remarkable run of form in Recide In qualificiant and the consistency which had and the consistency which had been the foundation of her two victories over Helena Sukova.

Herreman

matches.

"I knew exactly how I was going to play against her. I wanted to keep her moving around and mix the ball up with slice and top spin", she explained. Aided by Capriati's tendency to overhit on the forehand and underhit on the backhand, the tactics worked perfectly. After 16 minutes, the girl from the town of St Addresse in Normandy had taken the first five games and Capriati had won just six points.

Capriati recovered a little, breaking the left-handed Herreman in the sixth game

Hierreman

MEPS SANGLES: Second round: P Sangue (US) to P Control P Con

### Union pleads for touts clampdown

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

(RFU) has contributed to a are talking about organized crime and that is the message disorder.

were unable to distribute match tickets to clubs through normal channels because they disappear in transit, such is the temptation provided by the value of international rugby matches, or centre court seats. "People spend a lot of

The Rugby Football Union hold of tickets," Wood added. He criticized the Taylor delegation led by the London Report for suggesting that Tourist Board which has touting should be outlawed pressed David Waddington, only in respect of football the Home Secretary, to take matches, and compared Engaction over ticket touts. "We lish law with that of Scotland, where touts can be arrested fhr public order offences or for we put over to the Home causing annoyance by their Secretary," Dudley Wood, the activities. "The police are RFU secretary, said yesterday. helpless because they do not "It has a potential for serious have the legislation they have the legislation they need," he said.

Wood suggested that both the RFU and the tennis authorities at Wimbledon national match tickets which reach the corporate entertainment business and is considering publishing the names of 30 to 40 affiliated clubs or schools whose ticket allocation has wound up in such hands.

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### the level of inflation.

By Nigel Williamson and David Hands

The Government moved swiftly yesterday to allay fears that sports clubs could go out of business following increased rate bills in the wake of the Poll Tax. The Department of the Environment said that most voluntary sports clubs would, in fact, reap a financial benefit from the uniform business rate, which is being introduced alongside the Poll

Tax next month. Christopher Chope, the local government minister, said in a written Parliamentary answer that rates bills for the large majority of non-profit-making sports clubs would increase by an average of 21/2 per cent, a fall of about five per cent

after allowing for inflation. Chope's statement came after the Central Council of Physical Rec-

week that sport faced a "crisis" from the introduction of the Poll Tax and its related new business rate. In a survey of 634 sports clubs.

the CCPR found that clubs were facing large increases, phased in over the next five years, which could, in some cases, jeopardize their continued existence. But Chope said yesterday: "Con-

trary to the impression given recently in the Press, the great majority of sports facilities will attract lower rate bills in real terms as a result of the introduction of the uniform business rate and the nondomestic revaluation."

He said that for 25,331 registered properties in England, including sports grounds, sports stadiums, playing fields and clubhouses, average rate hills in the year 1990-91 were facing an increase well below

However, the minister did concede that "certain kinds of facilities, many provided primarily on a commercial basis, will attract larger

He said that there were 3,272 properties in the category of golf courses, swimming pools and tennis courts, where average rates bills would rise by 20.5 per cent. In addition, some 2,015 leisure and sports centres could see their rates bill rise by about 30 per cent.

Chope said that the figures did not take account of rate relief. Local authorities would continue to have discretion to grant up to 100 per cent rate relief on property occupied by non-profit-making bodies. Three quarters of such relief would then be borne by the national non-domestic rate pool, he said. Peter Lawson, the CCPR's gen-

eral secretary, said yesterday: "British sport is already under threat. Playing fields are being recklessly sold off and school sports participation is in decline. If clobs are not encouraged with financial help to train and coach our young people, who will take the joh on? Sports clubs should be helped, not

Certainly, sports governing bodies will listen with interest for details of the Budget today, all hoping that there will be specific direction to local authorities for rate relief for non-profit-making clubs.

"We consider ourselves hard done by, particularly where amateur sport is concerned," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), said yesterday. The RFU has identified strongly with

the CCPR campaign to "educate" local councils and rating officers about the benefits sporting clubs bring to a community and which should qualify them for rate relief. "We have had to make provision

this year for the payment of £550,000 in Corporation Tax, £450,000 in VAT and a heavy rates bill of £95,000," Wood said, "Our help in terms of support grants comes to £19,500, at a time when we are trying to help make up for the lack of sport in the education system, compared with the old days.

"Sports clubs will be hard hit by the community charge. Our rates for instance, will go up to £201,000 over the next three years but the CCPR has done a tremendous job in securing rate relief for non-profit-

making sports clubs."